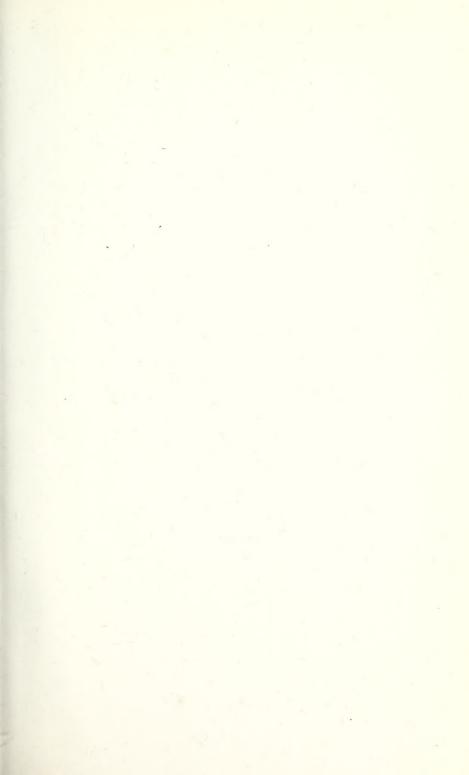
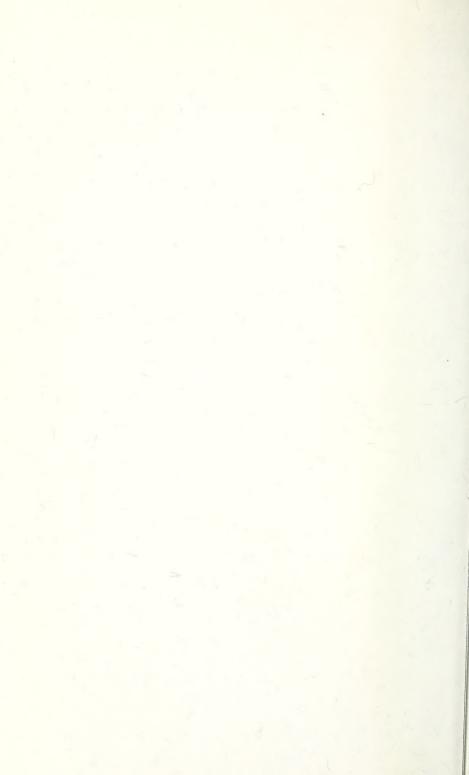
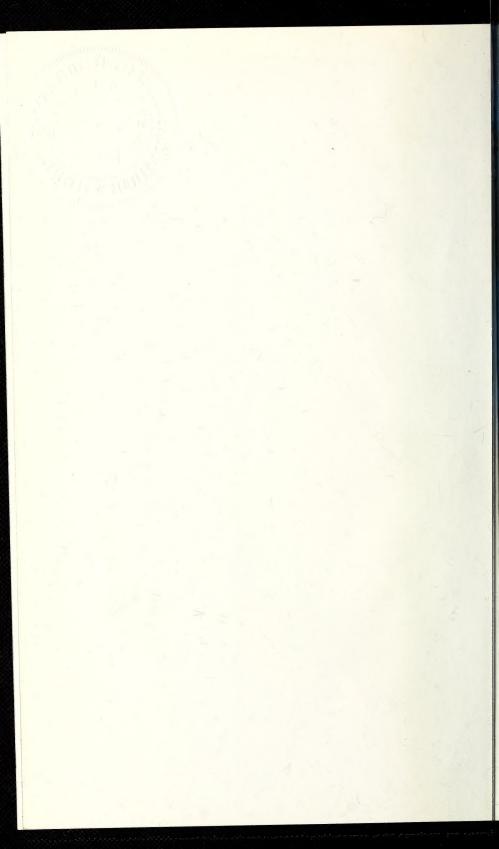


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LIGHT HAS COME ARISE, SHINE FOR

January 1, 1967 New Year's Day

11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Noel Languedocien" (Guilmant)
Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God is Spirit; and they that worship
him must worship him in spirit and
truth. Our sufficiency is from God, who also
makes us partakers of a new covenant, through
the merits of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*PSALTER READING 80 Psalm 51 Page 523

*GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory Hymn 381 "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff" *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-17

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Spirit of the Living God"

ANTHEM "Statement of Faith" of the United Church of
Christ" (Maves)

Jack O. White, Director

COMMUNION MEDITATION "He Took a Towel..."

- H. P. Bozarth

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

Invitation, by the Minister
Sursum Corda and Sanctus, by Minister and People
(see page 496, hymnal)

Prayer of Consecration Giving of the Bread and the Cup Prayer

"HYMN 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
BENEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lloyd by Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Cheek.

CIRCLES meet as follows this week:

- #1 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. W. W. Snyder
 - 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. George Colclough
 - 3 Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Miss Caroline Powell (note: Miss Powell's new address is 309 E. Haggard)
 - 4 Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. J. T. McLoud
 - 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. C. R. Jeffreys
 - 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Howard Loy

DEACONS and wives will meet next Sunday night, January 8, 1967, 7:30 p.m., with Dr. and Mrs. Danieley.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 28th.

SOME 1967 OFFERING ENVELOPES still remain on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today. Devotional materials also can be secured from the narthex table.



ARISE, SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

January 1, 1967

Isaiah 60:1-6

About the cover: The message of Christians is that in the coming of Jesus Christ into human history God's greatest light has at last burst across the face of all men. We men are like a city where darkness has descended, where death lurks, where loneliness stalks its victim, where some ruinous rebellion acts upon the streets of life. But beside us, in our midst, into the place where we live and work and play, into our very history, a light has come. A "star" has shown among us, and our darkness, though darkness still, can never be the same destructive thing again.

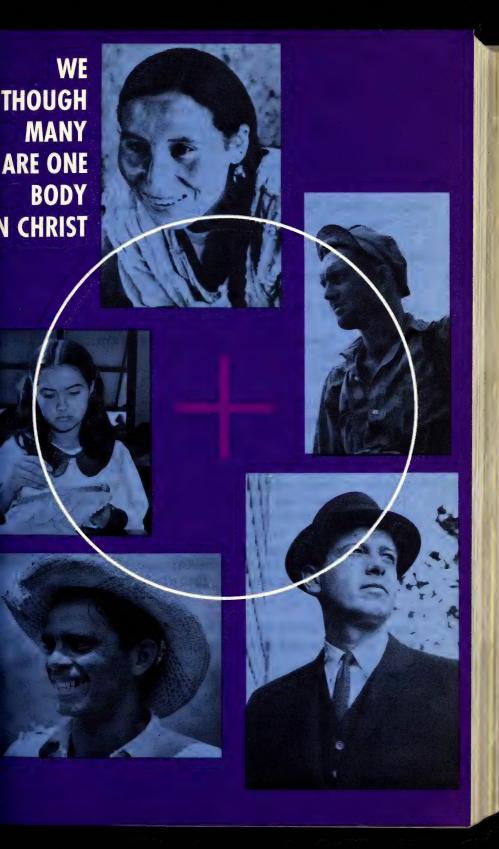
THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL IN INDIA

The hope which Christ offers to those with no hope and the concept which he brings of a God of love, caring compassionately as a father for all his children, has a compelling appeal in India for those who find life a great burden of toil and suffering. The majority of those who have taken the heroic step of renouncing other gods—a step which often means, even today, the breaking of precious cultural, family and caste ties—have come from the lower groups in Indian society. Yet the sharp edge of Christ's righteousness and humanity, of his words and his sacrificial life, have made their deep impact also on Indians of education and privilege.

Gandhi read the Bible regularly, and, though he never accepted Christianity, he openly revered Jesus of Nazareth as a man and as a special witness for God. Others have found in Christ's concern for our human condition—so often expressed in India in "good works" like schools, orphanages, hospitals, well-digging and agricultural projects—a new and necessary dimension for life: service that transcends the traditional Indian concern for family and caste and reaches out to all in need. Today, for example, government colleges are helping their students organize programs of volunteer service which, they will admit, they have borrowed from the Christian imperative to serve.

The Christian Gospel is, after all, mysterious. It works within, like yeast in a loaf, or underground like a hidden spring. And it shows itself in ways that may fit none of our categories of measure.

Telfer Mook



January 8, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"(1)

Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist - arr. Barlow

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir and Minister: "Praise ye the Lord!"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 362 "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"

*PSALTER READING 90 Psalm 90 Page 529

*THE GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM "With A Voice of Singing" - Shaw
Jack O. White, Director

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Arise and Shine in Splendor" - Brahms
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1

SERVICE OF PRAYER

- M. The Lord be with you.
- P. And with thy spirit.

- M. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
- P. And grant us thy salvation.
- M. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- P. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer and Response "Hear Our Prayer"

IYMN 443 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"
(Primary children leave for rehearsal during hymn)

SERMON Blessed is the man... H. P. Bozarth

IYMN 416 "Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed"

BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr., by Miss Ruth Dunn.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Mr. H. D. Lambeth, Sr. and family upon the death of Mrs. H. D. Lambeth, Sr., on January 5, 1967.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for this week:

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. - Deacons and wives will meet with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley.

Monday at 10:00 a.m. - Circle 1 meets with Mrs. W. W. Snyder.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.-Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday at 8:00 p.m. - Elon College Winter Band Concert in Whitley Auditorium.

Next Sunday, January 15, 1967, our church will meet in annual business session at 7:30 p. m., in the sanctuary. Every member should be present.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 8, 1967

Romans 12:1-5

About the cover: A human body has many parts. Each part is different and functions to make the body complete and fit for its purpose. The church is like that. In Christ God joins its people together across all the differences of nation and race, education and occupation, skills and talents. We are Christ's body on earth—a body in which he is our life. He joins us to each other by joining us all to himself. Our otherwise dividing differences are caught up in a new unity in him. Each one adds to the other. Each one brings his own gifts to enrich the life and well-being of every other member of the body.

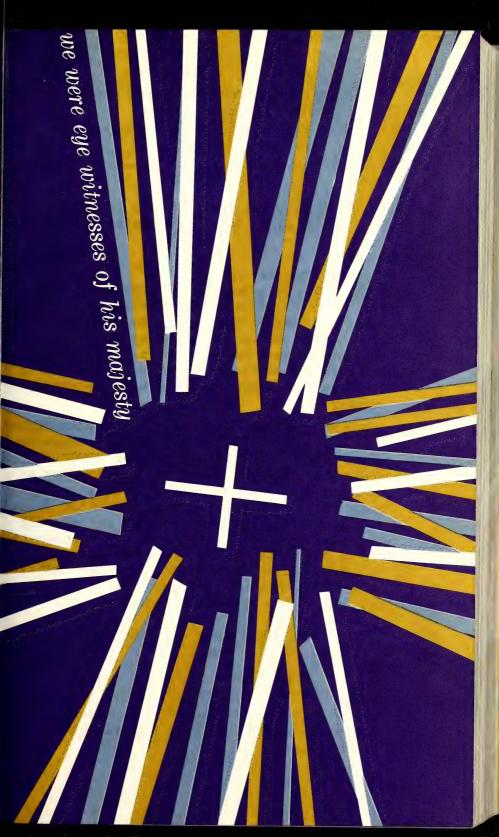
THE MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

"Our employees aren't getting along with us or with each other," the store executive said. "I think we've lost communication." He talked his problem over with a pastor who works out of an office in the Oakbrook Shopping Center in a suburb of Chicago. As a result, weekly meetings at which management and employees could air their feelings were arranged, and the communication and understanding have improved markedly.

This is Agora at work, a marketplace ministry that seeks to meet people in the midst of their secular concerns. Agora is one of several new person-to-person ministries in the workaday world through which Our Christian World Mission is reaching the community at large. Clerks troubled by the fierce competition for sales, executives who feel guilty about firing employees, people with personal problems—all find the marketplace minister not a glib "answer man" but a helpful listener who helps a person to work his way through a problem instead of offering neat solutions, for ethical issues are seldom easily resolved.

"If a problem arises or an ethical decision has to be made," said a spokesman, explaining the marketplace presence through our Board for Homeland Ministries and the Illinois Conference, "the person needs help then and there. He probably won't take it to church next Sunday, if he goes at all. . . . The church belongs in the marketplace, too. This

is where life is."



January 15, 1967

11:00 A. M

PRELUDE "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" (Barlow)
Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "This is the Day"

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins; and that we should not dissemble or cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, but confess them with humble and obedient hearts. Therefore, I pray you to accompany me to the throne of heavenly grace, saying,

Minister and People: Most holy and merciful Father according to thy lovingkindness, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Purge us and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*PSALTER READING 69 Psalm 23 Page 518

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Light Divine" (Mendelssohn)
*Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
*Offertory Prayer

ANTHEM "Now God Be Praised in Heav'n Above" (Vulpius)

Jack O. White, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Thy Mercy O Lord, Endureth Forever" *HYMN 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

(Primary children leave for rehearsal during hymn)

SERMON

When We Worship

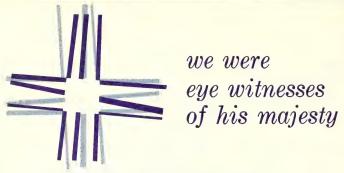
H. P. Bozarth

*HYMN 322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"
BENEDICTION

Prayer Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord" CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

- ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes and in memory of Thomas Eric Costas, their grandson, who died November 7, 1966; and in memory of Mrs. Henry L. Summitt, mother of Mrs. Barnes.
- A BUSINESS MEETING of our church will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the sanctuary. Every church member should be present to hear yearly financial reports, committee reports and other important church business.
 - THE ELON COLLEGE WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN is now taking registrations for the 1967-68 term for children who will be five years of age by October 31, 1967. You may register your child by calling Mrs. John Stone, (584-6567) sometime during January.
 - COPIES of the "Southern Conference News" can be secured from the narthex table.



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

January 15, 1967

II Peter 1:16-21

About the cover: In the Second Letter of Peter we find a passage which points to the testimony of the Gospels about Jesus' transfiguration—that is, the presence of God's glory in him—among the disciples. It is a testimony that proclaims the power of God in him who goes on to suffer and die on a cross, a power whose presence opens to the disciples and to us the new life which God gives to men. That same presence meets us at the Communion Table, in the preaching of the Good News, in self-giving love and service in the life of the world. Christ's glory in the transfiguration seeks to transfigure and transform us.

AN INESCAPABLE CONCERN

"The Christian faith," says a statement of the National Council of Churches, "calls men to recognize their inescapable concern for the life and livelihood of all persons." In short, Christianity is not a religion for spectators; it is a call to mission here and now, and nowhere is the mission more urgent than among the "have nots" of the nation and the world. One of our statesmen described their plight when he said, "We live in a world in which most of our fellowmen eat too little, live too wretchedly, and die too young."

Like any war, the war on poverty consists of unglamorous daily skirmishes: Turkish adults learning to read in a night school class; church-supported community workers organizing the residents of a Chicago ghetto to help themselves; Puerto Rican Evangelical Churches helping to spur interest in a Head Start Project for which 3,000 children eventually turned out in 36 communities instead of the expected 1,500; relief and rehabilitation projects for refugees throughout Africa and the Near East; agricultural improvement programs in Asia; citizenship education classes for Mississippi Negroes. . . .

The beachheads are numerous, and they have been forged for the most part because churches, governments and local agencies are pooling their resources. But the war is just beginning. It cannot be truly won for all men everywhere unless each of us, through church support, through governmental action, through community programs, and through our work in the structures of society, accepts as his own an inescapable concern for the life and livelihood of all persons.



January 22, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Chaconne in F Major" - Purcell
Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Minister: O Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together; for great is

the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

*HYMN 276 "Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come"

*PSALTER READING 100 Psalm 116 Page 534

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING
Offertory Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:18; 21-31

ANTHEM "Glory and Honor" - Rachmaninoff
Jack O. White, Director

Glory and honor, wisdom and blessing,
praise and thanksgiving be to our God;
from the beginning, Thou art the Word!
I heard a voice like to a trumpet,
"Praise and salvation be to our God, our God."
Lead thee to living fountains of waters
near His great Throne. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me"

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (Primary children leave during hymn for rehearsal)

*HYMN 267 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

BENEDICTION

Prayer Response "May the Blessing of the Lord Be With You"

CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder and in memory of Mr. C. M. Mann, father of Mrs. Snyder.

THE SERMON TOPIC for the remaining January service next Sunday will be: "A King's Runner".

Pulpit Themes for the Lenten period were given in the TORCH this past week.

GUEST PREACHER for the morning service on February 5, at 11 o'clock will be Dr. Clyde L. Fields.

SENIOR CHOIR members are urged to make a special effort to attend rehearsals weekly:

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

The choir has begun preparation for special music for the Lenten services, and regular attendance at rehearsals is important. We are delighted to have several new members in the senior choir. A special welcome to them from all of us.

THE PASTOR'S CLASS will have their first meeting on Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., in Room 12-14. This class is in preparation for church membership for boys and girls in grades 6, 7 and 8.



SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

January 22, 1967

I Corinthians 9:24-27

About the cover: A footrace is a grueling athletic contest. Every nerve, muscle, thought, and desire is strained to propel one's body at breakneck speed to the finish line. Ability to compete, however, rests greatly on expert coaching, strenuous training, and sustained discipline. So it is in the race of life. God has given us the gift of life, guides by which to discipline it, a Spirit to direct it, and the privilege to run the race. Having received all this, we ourselves are to provide the sustained training and self-discipline that are needed for service in Christ's name to be well done and for the true reward to be found in God's commendation.

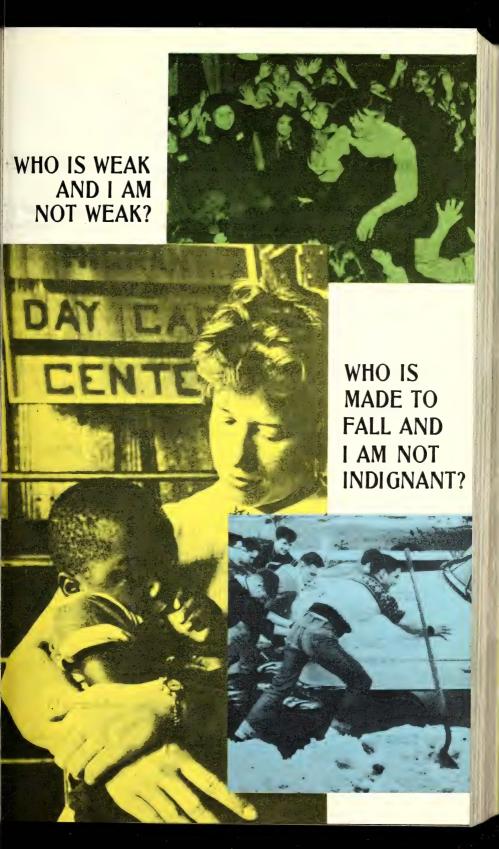
PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

In 1908, when Father Paul James Francis, founder of the Fathers of the Atonement, Graymoor, started the "Chair of Unity Octave" as a movement for encouraging prayers for unity with separated Christians, the action was considered to be a bold step for breaking through centuries of indifference and hostility. Today, however, the spirit of ecumenicity which pervades Protestantism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism alike has fostered a much greater movement for unity that takes Christians far beyond that first step. One of the forms which this movement takes is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is now taking place January 18–25.

Sponsored internationally by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Association for Christian Unity, the observance is growing in acceptance among Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Christian congregations A pamphlet of prayers and procedures has been jointly produced for the 1967 observance upon the theme "Called to one hope" (Ephesians 4:4) Many church groups and inter-faith gatherings are finding use for these

prayers at other times of the year.

"Differences between Christians on questions of faith are deep and resistant," a Protestant spokesman acknowledged. "Because this is so Christians need to pray to their common Lord Jesus Christ to show the way to the unity He wills."



January 29, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"(2)
Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist (arr. Barlow)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "This is the Day"

Minister: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, and hath not

sworn deceitfully.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN 90 "Lord of All Being, Throned Afar"

*PSALTER READING 91 Psalm 91 Page 529

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING
Offertory Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 18:19-33

ANTHEM "O Lord Most Holy" (Franck)
Soloist: Mrs. Maurine Gminder; Director: Jack Whit

PASTORAL PRAYER
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer" (in unison)

*HYMN 489 "I Would Be True"

(Primary choir will leave now for rehearsal)

SERMON A King's Runner H. P. Bozarth

*HYMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal" BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

WE EXTEND our deepest sympathy to Miss Lea Cellar upon the death of her father, Mr. Chester Cellar, on January 26, 1967.

MR. AND MRS. BOZARTH will be out of town this week, beginning Tuesday and returning on Tuesday of next week, February 7. Dr. Clyde Fields, Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be our guest preacher at the 11 o'clock worship service next Sunday morning.

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Mr. George Shumar remains a patient in Alamance Memorial Hospital;

Miss Mary Lee Foster is in N. C. Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, N. C., Room 631.

THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is anxious that no student in grades 7 - 12 miss the opportunity to study the Bible in the Bible Study offered by Mr. Bozarth, beginning Sunday, February 12. Registration slips - stating name and grade in school - may be turned in to Mrs. Perry in the church office by next Sunday, February 5.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday, at 8 p.m., in the church office.

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

WHO IS WEAK AND I AM NOT WEAK? WHO IS MADE TO FALL AND I AM NOT INDIGNANT?

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY Youth Sunday

January 29, 1967

II Corinthians 11:19-31

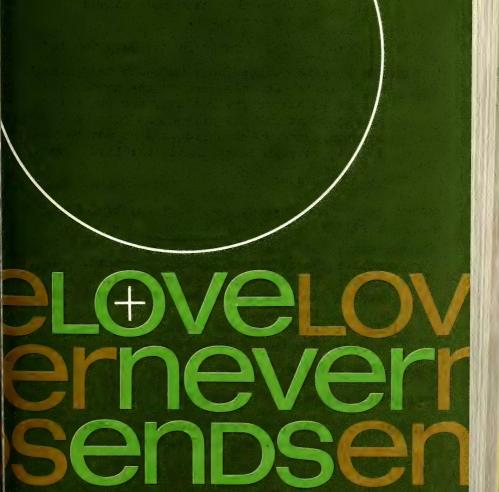
About the cover: Paul made one of the marks of every true Christian a concern for the well-being of others. He identified himself with the weak and was indignant when any were wronged. Young Christians today who assume burdens of love and service through the Peace Corps or VISTA, church vocations at home or abroad, voluntary service projects, working in schools, hospitals, or settlement houses, or just helping out with kindly deeds, are making this concern one of the living marks of their own ministry. For some, braving difficulty and deprivation may well be necessary, as it was for Paul, if one is to be truly sent as an "apostle" to serve human life today.

YOUTH: CHANGING THE IMAGE

"A lot of middle-aged adults," said one boy in explaining the "bad image" his generation often has, "haven't seen any teens lately." If so, many adults might be surprised if they took the time to look. They would see youth being responsive: high-school girls in the southwest, many of them church members, serving local hospitals as nurses aids; a youth group in a New England church playing host to youth from other countries for a weekend; teenagers from a midwestern church going from door to door on weekends volunteering to do any odd jobs people want done—and charging nothing.

This Sunday begins Youth Week, an annual observance of the National Council of Churches and its participating denominations. Its theme, "Created to be human in a broken world," is particularly appropriate to the growing concern of young people today. "At first I wasn't really hepped up about it," says a girl of the door-to-door work hunt. "But now I think I've learned . . . you are giving a little of yourself and your time to somebody else, not because you're forced to, but because you want to."

Thus are young people recognizing their relationship to the "broker world," finding concerns in their own neighborhoods and communities reaching out to serve needs and to bridge the gap between generations in their own way. The Youth Ministry staffs of the conferences and of the Board for Homeland Ministries assist local congregations in the nurture and development of response and responsibility on the part of today's youth, and are enabled through *Our Christian World Mission* to have a significant part in this important work.



February 5, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"Benedictus"

- Rowley

I bring refreshment,
I bring calm. - C. Rossetti

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Know ye that the Lord, he is God.

It is he that hath made us and

not we ourselves.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Unison Prayer: O Lord, our God, who hast brought us once more to thy house of

prayer to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace; acept now our praise and our thanksgiving, granting unto us such requests as may be good for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls" *CALL TO PRAISE

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy

praise.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 8

ANTHEM "The Lord is my Shepherd" -Noble Cain
Jack O. White, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "O Lord God of Hosts"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Hymn 416 "Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed" *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

Slow Down and Live Clyde L. Fields

HYMN 297 "O God, Above the Drifting Years" BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

WE ARE DELIGHTED to have Dr. Clyde L. Fields as our guest preacher today. Dr. Fields is Eastern North Carolina Area Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mrs. R. S. Shomaker and in memory of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Mitchell.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: 1:30 p.m. Paper Drive

7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room

Monday:10:00 a.m. Circle 1, with Mrs. J. B. MacDonald 3:30 p.m. Circle 2, with Mrs. A. L. Rich

8:00 p.m. Circle 3, with Mrs. John Barney

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Circle 4, with Mrs. K. K. Hughes 8:00 p.m. Circle 5, with Mrs. J. G. Truitt 8:00 p.m. Circle 6, with Mrs. A. M. Primm

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.-Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10:30 a.m. - World Day of Prayer Service at the Salvation Army Chapel, Burlington, N. C.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. -Pastor's Class

Next Sunday, 4 & 5:00 p.m. - Bible Study for Junior and Senior Highs.



QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY Church Vocations Sunday

February 5, 1967

I Corinthians 13:1-13

About the cover: A circle is a line that has no beginning or ending. It gathers and embraces all that is within it, and every point of its line is the same distance from its center. The love which comes from God in Jesus Christ is like a circle. Love is forever because the One who loves is alive and lives forever, and he gathers us all in his universal embrace with equal favor. As he has loved us, he calls us to love one another. Let the whole church make love its ministry to the world, for love, the greatest gift of God's Spirit, never ends and it includes all.

FOR THE MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

The professional ministry has always been spoken of as a calling, but today more than ever before that call is not simply to a pulpit or a mission station, but to a total engagement with *life*. The church is increasingly "at large," turning up in such unlikely places as corporation board rooms, factories, vacation resorts and urban ghettoes; and the local pastor is broadening his concept of ministry, as engagement with public issues in scores of cities has attested.

Just as an army cannot function without its cadre for training new units, so the church cannot long maintain a vigorous witness without new pastors trained to equip the laity for mission in the world. The continuous challenging of our young people to consider careers in church occupations is crucial, and to this end our Council for Church and Ministry, together with appropriate committees of the conferences and associations, conducts a recruitment program on college campuses, in addition to what is done by local congregations among their own members. Students who have indicated an interest in the ministry are contacted on a person-to-person basis and are counselled on the nature and opportunities of service. Those who need financial assistance, providing they meet certain qualifications, can get loans from the Student Aid Fund, most of which is budgeted from *Our Christian World Mission* receipts. A total of 870 students from our denomination were enrolled at United Church-related and other seminaries this past year.

Not only are candidates for the ministry and for other church occupations always needed, but so are funds through *Our Christian World Mission* needed to help make their financial support possible while in training. The church must ensure the constant availability of trained leadership for its ministry in the world.

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February 12, 1967 - First Sunday in Lent - 11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Larghetto" - Handel
Mrs. A. S. Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall our vows be performed.

Choir: "All the Earth Shall Worship Thee"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)
Almighty God, whose glory the heavens are telling,
the earth thy power, and the sea thy might, and
whose greatness all feeling and thinking creatures
everywhere proclaim; to thee belongeth glory,
honor, power and love, now and forever, and unto
ages of ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
*PSALTER READING 125 "The Beatitudes" Page 544
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Jesus I Will Ponder Now" - Bach
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:16-30

ANTHEM "Glory Be to God on High" - Mueller
Jack O. White, Director

Glory be to God on high, Alleluia! Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! Peace and blessing he has giv'n, Alleluia! Earth repeats the songs of heav'n, Alleluia! Creatures of the field and flood, Alleluia! Earth and sea cry, "God is good!" Alleluia! Toiling pilgrims raise the song, Alleluia! Saints in light the strain prolong, Alleluia! Stars that have no voice to sing, Alleluia! Give their glory to our King, Alleluia! Silent pow'rs and angels' song, Alleluia! All unto our God belong, Alleluia! Amen.

ASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Thy Mercy, O Lord"

YMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

ERMON When Jesus Returned to Nazareth
- H. P. Bozarth

MN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
ENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"
HIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

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E NORTH CAROLINA LITTLE SYMPHONY will present an ening concert in Whitley Aud., Feb. 16, 8:30 p. m.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Race Relations Sunday

February 12, 1967

II Corinthians 6:1-10

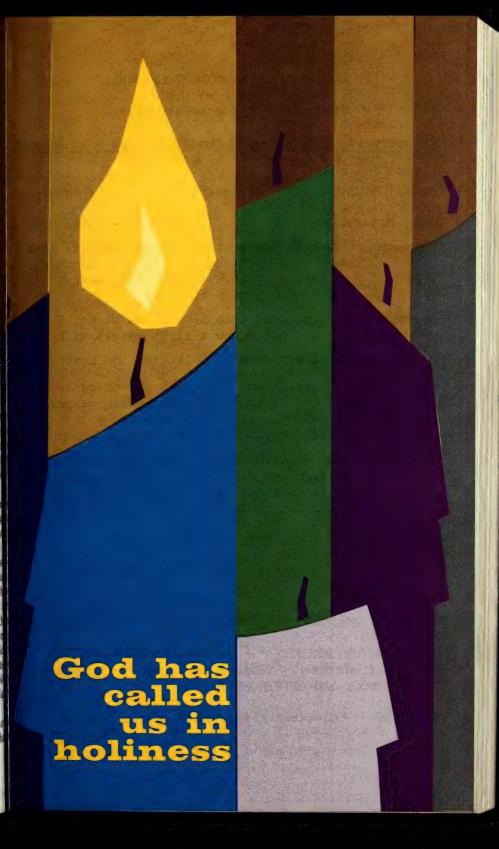
About the cover: The gospel is a paradox. We may have nothing, yet the gospel opens channels to new worlds so that we can in fact be rich with everything. If we set up walls around ourselves to keep others out of our lives and to protect what we think is our own, we will narrow our world and it will dwindle away to nothing. But if we allow the gospel's message and ministry of reconciliation to remove the barriers of race, class, nation, and culture, we will open ourselves to new and wider worlds beyond our fondest dreams. In the riches of God's grace we can have unabashed joy with no fear or jealousy to separate us. This is indeed possessing everything.

POVERTY'S HIDDEN BURDENS

A Negro mother living in a tenement, struggling to support her five children on a monthly welfare check, tried to better herself by taking a clerk's job which was suggested by a social case worker. But she ended up making less money than she had while on relief, which was little enough for a family of six. Another family, living in public housing, became ineligible for this privilege when the husband got a better job, yet still did not have sufficient income to afford a better apartment and so had to move backward into low-rent slum housing In each instance, individual initiative in trying to improve one's lot was penalized.

These are some of the hidden burdens of the impoverished, the less publicized effects of injustice and of discrimination. Correcting them is ar important part of the total war on poverty and on racial injustice. The United Church of Christ, through *Our Christian World Mission*, is engaged in this work, notably in such job retraining programs as the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Boston and in community action groups like Chicago's West Side Organization, which is helping to rectify such situations as befell the two families noted above. The West Side Organization has already placed well over 60 persons in jobs and has represented hundreds of families in welfar grievances.

In ways such as this the gospel's message and ministry of recor ciliation must be brought to those whose hidden burdens are more tha they can bear alone.



February 19, 1967 - Second Sunday in Lent - 11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Prayer"

(Borowski)

CALL TO WORSHIP

- David Corey

Leader: He hath showed thee, 0 man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to have mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?

Unison Prayer: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Unison Choral Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Leader: Our help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He shall preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth, and forevermore.

*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"
*STATEMENT OF FAITH of the United Church of Christ
(Inside back cover of hymnal) - Russell Schetroma
*THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:3-8 - Sue Ellis

OFFERTORY STATEMENT
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Thanks Be to Thee" (Handel)
*THE DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PASTORAL PRAYER - Gerald Schumn
Choral Response "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte)
Ken Holingsworth, Soloist

The Living Church - Joan Anderson - George Cannon

IYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

SENEDICTION - Doug Landau

Choral Response "Threefold Amen"

HIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

HOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: A. L. Hook and W. C. Perry, Jr.

<u>Ushers</u>: (Members of the United Church of Christ Fellowship)

Jay Ogden

Doug Landau Jack Huber Noel Allen Steve Bird

Acolytes: Reggie White and Ricky Uzzell

Organist: Mrs. A. S. Hassell Choir Director: Jack O. White

Fellowship of Elon College leading our worship service this morning. A special welcome to all students today on this Universal Day of Prayer for Students. (note back cover of bulletin)

TAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long and in memory of Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson.

GAN RECITAL today at 4 p.m. by Miss Anna Rose Marino in Whitley Auditorium. The public in invited.

MMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ED. - Tuesday, 8:15 p.m.-Ch. Office.

God has called us

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 19, 1967

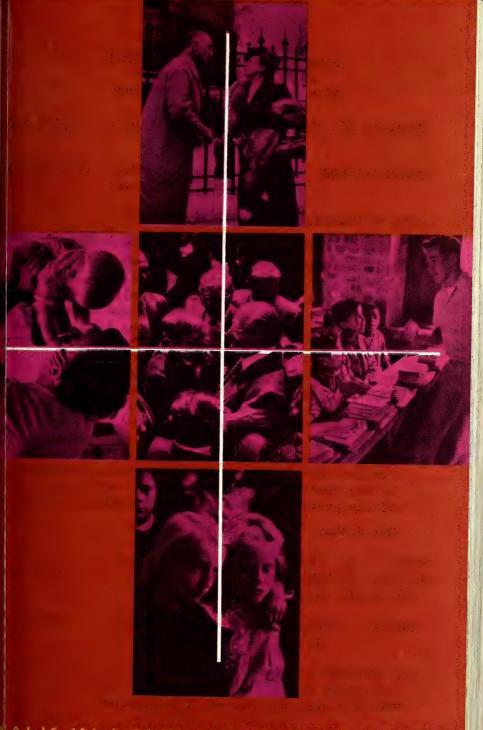
I Thessalonians 4:1-7

About the cover: Love in marriage is intimate and sacred. It burns like a candle with both light and warmth. Love in the Christian family illuminates our vision and leads like a beacon on the path of goodness. Love also warms our hearts, comforts us, and purifies us with the heat of its concern. Its flame must be brightened. Those who live within the marriage relation are to grow constantly in appreciation of one another and continue in fidelity. Those who seek a life partner are called to do so from pure and honorable motives and not out of self-gratification. The community to which God calls us in holiness is a community with full regard for and full responsibility to one another.

THE CHURCH AND THE UNIVERSITY

As we observe this Universal Day of Prayer for Students, sponsore by the World and National Student Christian Federations, we recogniz the presence of the church at 450 colleges and universities in the Unite States through its campus ministers, Christian higher education projects and such student movements as the United Christian Campus Fellow ship. The old idea of restricting the Church's witness to "its own peopl on campus" has long since given way to a broader approach. The modern campus ministry reaches the total academic community, is as at hom in legitimate student demonstrations as it is in scholarly research projects; church and university concerns have become almost inseparable One of the projects made possible through the Christian Faith and High Education Institute, in which five major denominations cooperate, is program in economics that has already resulted in a Management Ethic Guide considered of sufficient authority to be published for the Small Business Administration, one of our governmental agencies.

Our Christian World Mission is related to the university world in t USA through the Division of Higher Education and AMA of the Boa for Homeland Ministries and through the conferences. In sixteen oth countries our Board for World Ministries is engaged in higher education through twenty-five church-related colleges and universities, and through the conferences are several other institutions. In Paris we have has share in the building of a modern Protestant Student Center at C Universitaire, a dormitory campus where now reside 6,000 studer many of them from foreign lands. Both at home and abroad the churce mission to the academic community is one of its most crucial challenge.



ALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST LOVED S AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US

February 26, 1967 - Third Sunday in Lent - 11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Upon the Cross Extended" (Van Hulse)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "This is the Day which the Lord hath made"
Minister and People: I was glad when they said
unto me, Let us go into the
house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within
thy gates of Jerusalem. For as the mountains
are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round
about his people from henceforth even forevermore

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

O God, the source of all blessedness, who dost teach thy faithful ones to walk in thy ways, to search out thy testimonies, to keep thy commandments: grant unto us thy righteousness, that we may seek thee with our whole hearts; that we who hitherto have wandered like lost sheep, restored by thy gracious mercy, may rejoice in the glories of thy providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 243 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
*PSALTER READING 72 Psalm 32
*THE GLORIA PATRI

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ANTHEM "Hear Us As We Pray to Thee"

Jack O. White, Director

(Morgan)

THE OFFERING

Offertory Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING

SERVICE OF PRAYER

- M. The Lord be with you.
- P. And with thy spirit.
- M. Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
- P. And grant us thy salvation.
- M. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- P. And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer and Response "Hear Our Prayer" (Response to be sung in unison)

'HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
(Primary children leave for rehearsal during hymn)

SERMON Clothed in Right-mindedness H. P. Bozarth

"HYMN 335 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
BENEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless You"
CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Al Hassell and in memory of Mr. Hassell's father, Mr. H. L. Hassell.

A CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING will be held immediately following the worship service this morning. Please remain for this short, but important meeting.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUPS will meet as usual this afternoon - Junior Highs at 4 p. m. and Senior Highs at 5 p. m. No additional enrollments will be taken as the classes are now full.

NEXT SUNDAY we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at the morning service. Envelopes for your gifts will come to you this coming week in the TORCH.



WALK IN LOVE

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 1967

Ephesians 5:1-9

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THE "OTHER WAR" IN VIETNAM

In the midst of armed hostilities another war has been going on in Vietnam, a war being waged against hunger, disease, and deprivation that ravage the refugees. Dysentery, tuberculosis, pneumonia and typhoid are as deadly as bullets in the steaming jungles. But the resources for this battle are constantly on the increase, and for many like young Jamil, the peasant boy whose life was saved on the South Vietnam operating table, there is growing hope.

A major ally in the struggle to save human lives is the Vietnam Christian Service Program, in which the United Church of Christ participates through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches and the World Service Division of our Board for World Ministries. Our contribution of funds is made possible by our annual One Great Hour of Sharing—Share Our Substance offering, which this year will take place in most of our congregations next Sunday. In addition a number of volunteers are helping in the hospitals, clinics, and voca tional training centers which have been established under interdenominational auspices in this war-torn country.

The present corps of volunteers, however, still cannot meet the over whelming needs. Specialists in eye, plastic, and reconstructive surgery nutritionists, and community development experts are being sought

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March 5, 1967 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Wither the Burden of My Sin" - Johnson Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"
Minister: To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O, my God, in thee I trust.
Make me to know thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me thy paths. For thou art the
God of my salvation: for thee do I
wait all the day long.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)
Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy
most gracious favor, and further us with thy
continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy
name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting
life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 475 "O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills"

*PSALTER READING 78 Psalms 42, 43 Page 522

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING
Offertory Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27:35

SOLO "He Was Despised and Rejected" - Handel
Miss Winifred Barney, Soloist

ERVICE OF PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us. People: And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer and Response "Almighty Father" (520)

MMN 365 "Faith of our Fathers" (Primary choir will leave for rehearsal during hymn)

Jesus at Caesarea Philippi H. P. Bozarth ERMON

MN 230 "Immortal Love, Forever Full" ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" HIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

TAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott and Mrs. firmella Marino, by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Jr.

LE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING/SHARE OUR SUBSTANCE offering will be received as the regular offering is ceived this morning. Additional envelopes for your fts are in the pew racks. (Note the appeal on back over of today's bulletin.)

CLENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Today: 1:30 p. m. Paper Collection

4:00 p. m. Junior High Bible Study

5:00 p. m. Senior High Bible Study

Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir Rehearsal Thursday 3:15 p. m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 10:00 a. m. Pastor's Class

Al Circles will meet in general session, March 13, 8 p.m.



Because God's love has been poured into our hearts

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
One Great Hour of Sharing - Share Our Substance

March 5, 1967

Romans 5:1-11

About the cover: The Apostle Paul speaks glowingly of the love of God flooding through our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us. The same Spirit which was manifested in Christ Jesus offers us the gift of a new relationship with God, and through God with our fellow man. Thus is opened to us the new life of peace and joy and hope, mercy and compassion and good will. We share with others because God's love has been poured into *our* hearts.

WORLD-WIDE SERVICE AND SUPPORT

The program supported by the *One Great Hour of Sharing-Share Our Substance* appeal is world-wide not only in service rendered but in support given. For example:

• A church in Hiroshima, Japan, gave several hundred dollars to

aid South Vietnam's war victims.

• The German Evangelical Church's "Bread for the World" project plans support of 48 community development projects to cost \$4,270,000.

• The Christian Churches of India recently sent a special gift of 40 kilograms of tea to Old People's Homes for Russian Displaced

Persons in Greece.

• The "Wild Geese" radio appeal from Hilversum, Netherlands, gave \$500 which enabled 56 needy children to go to camp at El Tobo, Chile.

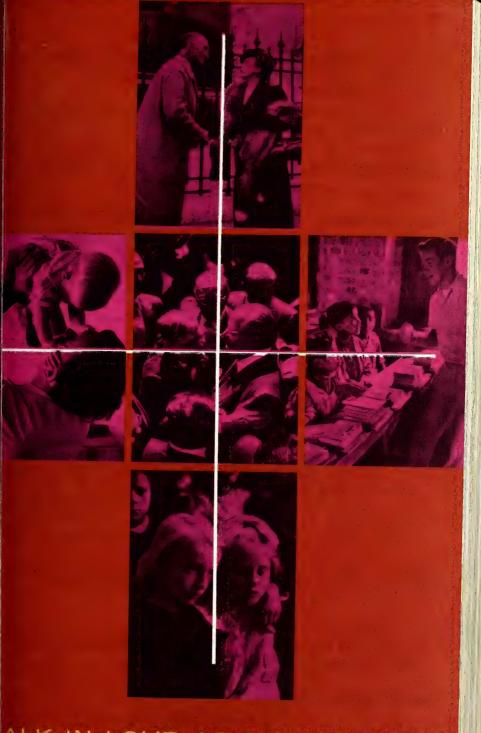
• An Angolan church woman's group gave \$54 for those suffer-

ing from hunger in India.

 The churches of New Zealand undertook to supply India with 25 tons of full cream milk powder every month last year. They

have now doubled this pledge.

We in the United Church of Christ make our response through the continuous work of the Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries. The need in 1967 is greater than ever before, yet the exact measure of our service will depend upon your response to the OGHS-SOS appeal. How concerned are you that the hungry be fed, the naked clothed, the thirsty be given drink, the sick be made whole, the homeless and imprisoned be ministered to? The One Great Hour of Sharing-Share Our Substance offering is your annual opportunity to support this program of Christian service.



ALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST LOVED AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US

March 12, 1967 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "The Royal Banners Forward Go" (VanHulse)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

John S. Graves

Choir: Praise ye the Lord! Minister: Praise ye the Lord!

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praise Him; let everything that hath

breath praise the Lord.

Minister: Let everything that hath breath praise

the Lord.

Choir: Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hath created us for thyself, so that our hearts are restless, till they find rest in thee: grant unto us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing thy will, and no weakness from doing it. In thy light may we see life clearly, and in thy service find perfect freedom, for thy mercy's sake. Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
*UNISON READING 116 (page 541, back of hymnal)
*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory Music "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (Bach)
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:1-26

MTHEM "Who Shall Ascend into the Hill of the Lord"

Jack O. White, Director (Mueller)

ASTORAL PRAYER and Response "O Lord God of Hosts"

MN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing" (Primary choir will leave for rehearsal during hymn)

ERMON

Jesus in Samaria

H. P. Bozarth

TMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"
ENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"
CLIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

LCOME to all our guests today, and a special welcome the campus Greek Letter Societies. At the close of te service the fraternities and sororities will be printed to exit first. We are also delighted to hve as our litergist this morning, Rev. John Graves, compus minister of Elon College.

ATAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD b Mrs. J. D. Kluttz and in memory of her husband ad father, Mr. John D. Kluttz and Mr. Carroll Dean.

CNGRATULATIONS to Mrs. W. P. Lawrence who had a brthday yesterday, March 11. She was 95 years old.

CLENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

1 day: 4:00 p.m. Junior High Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Mhday: 8:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship - Sanctuary.

(Ladies, bring your Friendly Service
projects - clothing and old eye glasses)

Minesday: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday

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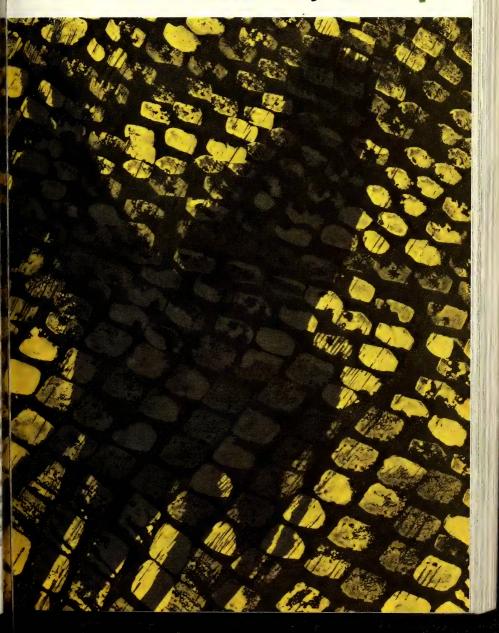
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March 19, 1967 Palm Sunday

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Hosanna"

- Faulkes

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Hosanna to the Son of David; Minister:

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

People: Lift up your heads, 0 ye gates;

Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors; And the King of Glory will come in.

Minister: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of

Glory.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *PSALTER READING 106

Psalm 139

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*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"-G.Mueller *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

ANTHEM

"Praise God!"

- Mozart

Jack O. White, Director

Praise God, praise the Lord! Praise Him, all ye nations, praise Him ye peoples! To the Lord now let us sing our praise, let us sing our praises.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises everlasting, be ye joyful in the Lord, God. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. For the

Lord God is a great God; and a great King above all gods, great is the Lord and mighty.

come let us worship and fall down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is the Lord our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

lory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

TORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me"

N 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Coronation Day IMON

H. P. Bozarth

N 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal" EDICTION and Response "May the Blessing of the TLUDE Lord Be With You"

*Congregation Standing

IAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and rmemory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Farmer by Miss cephine Farmer.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Miss Lila Newman upon the eth of her brother, Dr. J. B. Newman, March 15, 1967.

B SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS, March edition, can be eured from the narthex table.

AENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Day: 4:00 P.M. "Seven Last Words of Christ" by the Elon College Choir - Whitley

4:00 P.M. Junior High Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Senior High Bible Study

usday: 8:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee hrsday: 7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary rlay: 7:30 P.M. - Union Good Friday Service - St.Mark's

the name which is above every name

PALM SUNDAY

A contemporary theologian has reminded us that the redemption brought by Christ is for all men. "But," he says, "it matters much that men should know the name of their Redeemer."

Much of the task of mission is just "telling the Name." Why is this important? If the redemption is for everyone, why should missionaries spend their lives informing others about who has redeemed them?

It is because the Name tells us the *manner* and *quality* of our redemption. It makes all the difference that the Name is not that of Thor or Odin or Astarte or Zeus but the Name of Jesus Christ. The redemption which comes through Christ is not given by a God who snatches us out of the world for a life of mystical contemplation, of safety from the world's sins and evils, and eventually for a life of eternal bliss. It is redemption by a God who made himself known by coming into our world, taking upon himself our limitations and our strugglings, knowing pain and defeat as we know them, and conquering all this with self-giving love. It is *this* kind of God by whom we are redeemed. When we name his Name as our Redeemer we also confess our commitment to this pattern of life, our loyalty to his mission in the world, and our faith in the final triumph of this kind of love.

Truman B. Douglass



LOVE AND

When Christians recommend love in place of law and force they do not always remember what the Cross of Christ says about love. The Cross says that the kind of love that breaks up hard selfishness and changes the world is a costly business. The Cross is not a smile; it is not a sentiment of goodwill; it is not a painless contribution of spare time or surplus goods. "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." This does not mean that everyone who takes Christian love seriously will die a martyr's death. It does mean that if we try to love our fellowmen as God loves us we would better be prepared for suffering. If we ask why the Christian churches, despite their growth in numbers, do not seem to move the world much nearer the kingdom of God, may not this be a part of the answer: we want a better world and we think the "way of love" ought to be tried, but we also want to be "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." God is love. But God, in Christ, died on a Cross. It is time we took notice.

Herman F. Reissig

March 23, 1967

7:30 P. M.

Maundy Thursday Service With Holy Communion

PRELUDE "In the Cross of Christ" (Bingham)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come unto me, Jesus said, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find. For he that asks doth receive and he that seeks doth find. Thou

receive, and he that seeks doth find. Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

GENERAL CONFESSION (Minister and Congregation)

Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy hold name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
God so loved the world that he gave his only

begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

HE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL TO PRAISE

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

GLORIA PATRI

LEADING OF THE SCRIPTURES Mark 14:12-16; 22-25

NTHEM "Canticle for Communion" (Marshall) Jack O. White, Director

THE OFFERING

Offertory Hymn 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

COMMUNION MEDITATION Who Are We? H. P. Bozarth

BERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 285 "According to Thy Gracious Word" Dedication and Serving of the Elements *Hymn 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

BENEDICTION and Response

"Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

WELCOME to Dr. John G. Truitt as he shares in the Administration of the Communion Service.

THOSE BEING RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP this evening on Confession of Faith are: John Baxter, Mark Danieley, Cathy Holland, Cheryl King, John MacDonald, Richard Uzzell, Reggie White (members of the Pastor's Class) and James H. Stout; by letter of transfer, Mrs. James H. Stout; as associate members, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pilkington.

- Baptaid by Sprinkling 3-23-67

Evangelical Spirit Created Through Projects



Since 1948, from Maine to Hawaii, the Church Finance Advisory Service has assisted our churches by directing financial projects for new buildings, additions, modernization or renovation, or to liquidate debts. By the end of 1959, 319 such projects, raising \$15,253,351 were undertaken. Perhaps of greater significance is the fact that 16,687 men were trained in stewardship and

proportionate giving and were taught to impart the instruction and inspiration to others. Ninety-two men's organizations were formed voluntarily, and the evangelical spirit created produced during the project 9,566 prospects for church membership.

Invocation for Lent

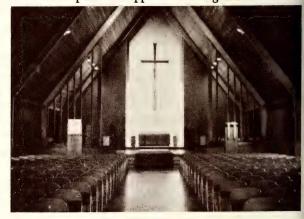
Almighty God, whose Son did steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem and was there delivered up as thy Suffering Servant: send thy renewing spirit upon us as we follow in memory our Lord's journey; that we may steadfastly set our hearts to follow him with true penitence and quickened faith, and may thereby emerge more than conqueror out of the tribulations of our time; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Arthur Preston Colbourn

Young Church Symbolizes Real Fellowship

Five years ago, on World Wide Communion Sunday, the Church of the Beatitudes of Phoenix, Arizona came into being. It was aided by other churches in the area, and on its fifth birthday saw the results of its personal support in the organization of the

new Shepherd of the Hills Congregational Church. Special services in both churches gave evidence of the wider work of the Kingdom of God, especially as in the emerging seen United Church of Christ. The new church is located in northeast Phoenix and has enrolled over 100 children in the church school. Pictured here is the temporary sanctuary of the 'mother" or sponsoring church.



No. 12—3-20-60 Missions Council Sunday Bulletin



March 26, 1967

Easter Sunday

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Choral No. III" (Franck)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit: "Easter"

Minister: O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures unto all generations.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Eternal God, whose serene and solemn presence is
the light of all our days, help us to draw near to
thee in spirit that our fellowship with thee shall
be blessed, and our worship an acceptable sacrifice
of prayer and thanksgiving. We give thee joyful
thanks for this day of Resurrection, and dedicate
to thee our everlasting hopes, kindled by the
faith of our risen Lord. Lead us in our worship,
and hear us as we pray the prayer he taught us,
saying, Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*PSALTER READING 101 Psalm 118 Page 535

*GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "I Thank Thee, Dear Lord" (Karg-Elert)
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING N

Matthew 28

NTHEM "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting" (Gounod)
(From "The Redemption")

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Soloist; Jack White, Director

Unfold ye portals everlasting!

With welcome to receive Him ascending on high!

Behold the King of Glory, He mounts up thru the sky!

Back to heavinly mansions hasting!

Unfold, for lo, the King comes nigh.

But who is He, the King of Glory?

He, who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty!

He is the Lord of Hosts, of angels and of pow'rs, the King of Glory is the King of the saints!

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Thy Mercy, O Lord"

(Primary children leave for rehearsal)

SERMON Call of the Living Christ H. P. Bozarth

HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection"
BENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"
POSTLUDE

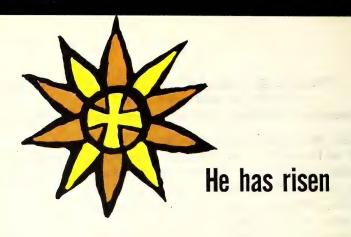
*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McAdams by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams and Mrs. Lois Bost.

THE BIBLE STUDY groups will not meet today. They will continue their sessions next Sunday, April 2.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Wednesday
Thursday
3:15 p. m.
Junior Choir Rehearsal
G:30 p. m.
Churchmen's Fellowship
dinner meeting - Parish House.



EASTER

The miracle happens each morning. Out on the luminous eastern horizon, the sun suddenly blazes into sight and spills its golden splendor across the shores and hills and housetops of the world. Men stumble out of sleep and darkness to take up their daily round, and those whose eyes are open pause to acknowledge an act of grace and the sign of a faithful God who keeps covenant with his creation.

This is what Easter also sings about. But on Easter it is sunrise over the wild and dark terrain of our humanity. It is God flooding the valleys and shorelines of our shadowed days with light and the promise of new life for all those honest enough to admit their desperate need of it.

Today you will stand with your fellow Christians before an empty tomb, a stone rolled away, and graveclothes laid aside. All about you the light will be of a growing intensity and the sun soaring higher and higher into the blue. Trumpets will blare the familiar theme, "He is not here; he is risen!" And you will know, down deep where you know such things, that it is just as the Old Testament prophet Malachi said it would be, "The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings."

It can be about you as easily as about the next man. Your life has been dark and threatened. You have felt hemmed in and hard-pressed. You have neared the limits of endurance. But Easter is the day when you remember that there is a horizon to your days and that out on its rim it is growing light again.

Alleluia!

Oliver Powell

THE SON HAS NOT LIFE

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LIFE

April 2, 1967

11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" (Bach)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (The Minister)
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give thanks unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good;
His mercy endures forever;
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

O God, who hast been our help in ages past and art our hope for years to come, we bless thee for thy faithfulness, of which there is no end. Forgive us that so often we have lived as if we had no Father in heaven, and as if we were orphans in an alien world. Here in the quiet of this holy place, hallowed by sacred memories, may we become sensitive again to thy presence.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.
Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 389 "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"

*PSALTER READING 102 Psalm 119 Page 535

*GLORIA PATRI

PRIMARY CHOIR "The Children's Hosanna" (Mozart)
"O Sons and Daughters" (Vulpius)

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Director

HE OFFERING

Offertory "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach)
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

CRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-13

ASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me, O God"

YMN 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

(Primary choir will leave for rehearsal during hymn.)

ERMON Enabling Power of Faith H. P. Bozarth

IYMN 290 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"
ENEDICTION and Response "May the Blessing of the
OSTLUDE Lord be with you"

*Congregation Standing

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webster, Jr.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

1:30 p. m. Paper Collection
4:00 p. m. Junior High Bible Study
5:00 p. m. Senior High Bible Study
7:30 p. m. Board of Deacons

10:00 a. m. Circle 1, with Mrs. Clyde Fields 3:30 p. m. Circle 2, with Mrs. Guy Veazey

8:00 p. m. Circle 3, with Mrs. Cary Matlock Fuesday: 10:00 a. m. Circle 4, with Mrs. T. E. Powell 8:00 p. m. Circle 5, with Mrs. Leroy Hughes

8:00 p. m. Circle 6, with Mrs. J. C. Colley

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m. Senior Choir Rehearsal Thursday: 3:15 p. m. Junior Choir Rehearsal

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL: Mrs. Oma Johnson.



HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 2, 1967

I John 5:4-12

About the cover: The New Testament frequently refers to "eternal life." This is not a vague promise of something to be in the distant future, but something which is already a present possession. "He who has the Son has life," says the First Letter of John. What is neither intrinsically ours nor possible for us to achieve by our own unaided human efforts is imparted by the Holy Spirit to all who abide in Christ. That life is eternal because it partakes of the quality of God's own life and God's own love which endure forever.

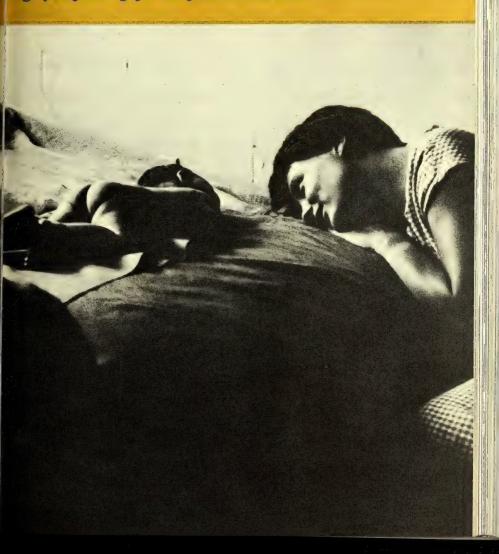
SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Coming by foot, bicycle, burro, truck, car, and bus, the 80 delegates of the Annual Assembly of the Congregational Churches of Mexico arrived at the little rancho of El Apoderado, south of Mazatlan. Small groups of people gathered on the front porch of one home, stood in the dusty street, or around in back where two big kettles of boiling soup wafted their promise of the evening meal. Men and women went their separate ways to greet friends and exchange news of local happenings and events since last year's meeting.

After supper, the entire group made its way to the newly finished church where the Assembly began with worship. There was much for the Assembly to accomplish. Round-table discussions on stewardship and mission the following morning found general agreement on plans for the future. Each pastor was encouraged to begin a plan of work and report each year on how much had been accomplished toward it. Many delegates felt the need to build strength within individual congregations in order to better serve the needs of the community.

To understand the isolation felt by these congregations to which our United Church of Christ is related, one must remember that there are only fourteen churches and they are spread out over an area which would stretch from Boston to Chicago! Through *Our Christian World Mission* we help these churches by providing two missionary couples who serve under the United Church Board for World Ministries. The two couples, one in Mazatlan, the other in Guadalajara, further to the south, assist local pastors and initiate self-help service projects.

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April 23, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Fidelis Servus" (Benoit)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: Praise ye the Lord! Minister: Praise ye the Lord!

Choir: Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary, praise him; let everything that hath breath

praise the Lord!

Minister: Let everything that hath breath praise

the Lord!

Choir: Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, whose gracious goodness is the light of all our days: we lift up our hearts in sincere desire to know thee, whom to know is life eternal. By thy grace do thou refresh us in purpose, that our ways may be conformed to thy will as thou hast revealed it to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*PSALTER READING 89 Psalm 89 Page 528

*THE GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Meditation" (Broek)

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord on High" (Haydn)

Jack O. White, Director

ERVICE OF PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer and Response "Hear Our Prayer" (Response to be sung in unison.)

YMN 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

ERMON

On Being Great

H. P. Bozarth

YMN 397 "Lord, Speak to Me" ENEDICTION and Response "" HIMES AND POSTLUDE

"Threefold Amen"

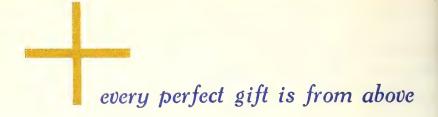
*Congregation Standing

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of Miss Marsha Lankford, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford.

E EXTEND our deepest sympathy to Miss Lila Newman upon the recent death of her brother, Mr. J. U. Newman, Jr., in Raleigh, N. C.

who led the service of worship and presented the Bible Study Review during the morning service last Sunday. Their presentation was splendid and we compliment them. We also extend to Mr. Bozarth our thanks and appreciation for his time, patience and leadership in the Bible Study Course, and for this opportunity he gave our young people.

ODAY: 3:00 P. M. Laymen's Rally at St. John's Church. 7:30 P. M. Executive Board, Women's Fellowship.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 23, 1967

James 1:16-21

About the cover: All that is good comes from God. The gift of life and all its potential, every good endowment and perfect gift is from Him. With all of these gifts God opens to us limitless possibilities if we but use them according to his will. God sent his word of truth to us in Christ, that we might use his gifts for good and through him become what he intended us to be, the crown of his creation.

IN THE WORLD OF WORK

Ask Bill Drake, a salesman, about the Detroit Industrial Mission (DIM) and he'll tell you that it gets men into small groups where they can speak frankly and openly. Talk to Ed Dansby, a union agent, and he'll point out that DIM has shown pastors some of the real problems and concerns of the blue-collar worker. Bob Morrow, a psychologist says, "This mission is a strong force below the surface in this industrial city."

Just what is the Detroit Industrial Mission? How did it begin? And how are we in the United Church of Christ involved?

DIM is a highly specialized ministry on the frontier of the church's mission in the world. Its five-man, ecumenical staff works quietly to show the church's concern for people and their on-the-job problems. Their basic approach is to get into a plant and build contacts with men who can organize small discussion groups. Altogether the Detroit Industrial Mission is working with about 20 industry-related groups this year. In addition, staff members are exploring directly with church groups the real issues in the world of work.

The Mission began in May 1956 under the inspiration and direction of Hugh White, an Episcopalian. The United Church of Christ has been represented on the staff (which includes also Presbyterians and a Methodist) since 1960. Its leaders assert, "In the past, the church has been slow to risk new effort as part of its responsibility. We think we have helped show at least one way to penetrate the city of today and tomorrow." Two-thirds of the financial support for the Mission comes from church sources, including the United Church of Christ through the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The work of the Detroit Industrial Mission is thus an important part of Our Christian World Mission.

April 30, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" (Buxtehude)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "The Lord is in Holy Temple"

Minister: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that seek him; he will hear their cry, and will save them.

THE INVOCATION PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, who dost speak peace to those whose hearts are open to thy spirit; we would hear thy voice, and know thy blessing in this sacred hour. Cross the inner thresholds of our spirits, and lay hold upon our faith, that we may be more than conquerors of all that besets our paths to defeat in us thy design. Make thyself glorious in the worship of all who love thee, and help us to realize that all things are ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*PSALTER READING 90 Psalm 90 Page 529

*GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING
Offertory "Paraphrase" (Joris)
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING I Chronicles 12:23-32

ANTHEM

"Were You There" Jack O. White, Director

(Noble Cain)

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Thy Mercy O Lord"

HYMN 241 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

SERMON

The King's Business H. P. Bozarth

HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory" BENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord" CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. T. E. Gilliam, Sr., by the family.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Today: 2:30-5:30 P. M. - Laity Workshop for the men and women of the Eurlington and South Boston District, United Church of Christ, will be held at the Edgewood Church. Program kits will be available as well as mission study books. Representatives from our men's and women's groups should attend this most informative workshop.

10:00 A. M. Circle 1, with Mrs. Jack White Monday:

3:30 P. M. Circle 2, with Miss Georgie Moore

8:00 P. M. Circle 3, with Mrs. McLelland 10:00 A. M. Circle 4, with Mrs. K. K. Hughes Tuesday:

8:00 P. M. Circle 5, with Mrs. A. I. Braxton

8:00 P. M. Circle 6, with Mrs. J. A. Hunter

Wednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal Thursday: 3:15 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal

Friday at 12:00 noon - May Fellowship Day Luncheon at Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington, N. C.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ASCENSION

April 30, 196'

Acts 1:1-1

About the cover: The new age into which Jesus Christ has ushered mer is the age of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God which is the spirit seen in Christ and which comes upon a people when they are ready to receive it. The Book of Acts makes plain that the power of the Holy Spirit is given for a definite task: "You shall be my witnesses. . . ." The Holy Spirit comes as the spirit of truth, teaching us the things of Christ and strengthening us for work and witness in furthering God's mission in the life of the world.

A CONTINUING CONSULTATION

The Consultation on Church Union (COCU) which has been explor ing the possibilities of organic union now includes nine denominations the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Evangelical United Brethren, Methodist Presbyterian, U. S., United Church of Christ, and United Presbyteria Churches. As their representatives meet this week at Cambridge, Mas sachusetts, the participants ask us to join them in prayer that we may b led by God to discover his will for the unity of the Church in our day

O God, who through thy Son Jesus Christ hast created the Church, and empowered and renewed her through thy Holy Spirit so that we are bound together as one people in faith, hope, and love, and are commissioned to serve him through the service of men, we thank thee for all that thou hast done for us in him and in his Christ through the ages.

Especially we thank thee for the stirrings within the Church toward a larger obedience and a renewed unity, that Christ may be manifest to

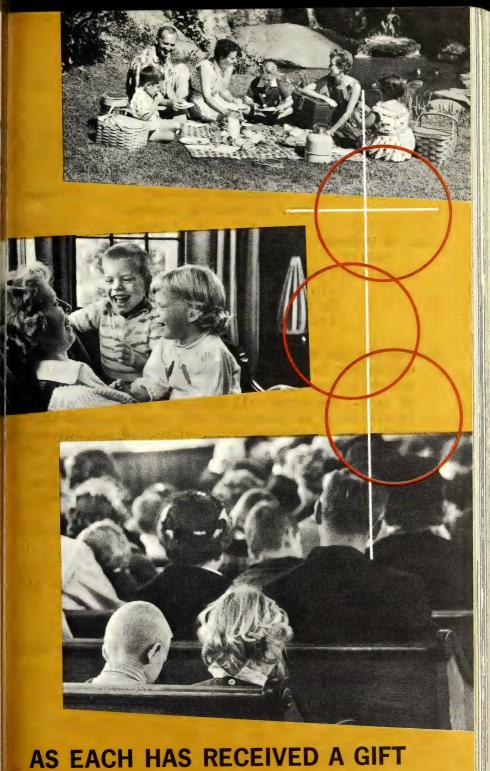
all men and accepted and followed as the Lord of life forever.

We confess our need of thy forgiveness and thy help. We have been too easily satisfied with our smugness, our insipid concerns with the lesser matters by which we think we avoid thy requirement of justice, mercy, and faith. We have acted as if the Church were our own, and have not asked of thee what is required of us to be Christians now. We have repelled others from thy Church, not because we followed boldly the pioneer of our faith, but because our lives and actions have not squared with the word we proclaim.

From all that hinders thy light and truth and love in flowing through our lives, deliver us, and make us ready to trust and to obey. Help us to find the lost greatness in the Chruch's life, and not to settle for anything less than that great Church which Christ gave to us. We pray especially for the Consultation on Church Union that its work may bring our

churches to a fuller oneness in thee.

Send thy Spirit upon all in each place who love the Lord Jesus Christ with love undying, that the unity of thy household may be manifest and visible and the day soon come when all men shall sit down about thy table and break the bread of fellowship and peace. In his name. Amen.



AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT EMPLOY IT FOR ONE ANOTHER

May 7, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Prelude-Toccata" - Pierne Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "This is the Day"

Minister: Praise ye the Lord. Give thanks unto him with a full heart. Holy and reverend is his name. Great and gracious are all his works. His praise endureth forever.

INVOCATION (In unison)

Our Father in heaven, we would worship thee with the whole heart, remembering that thou art found of such. We would call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless thy holy name. Accept the sacrifices of thanksgiving, of praise and reverence, which we now offer. Forgive our sins, that we may ascend thy holy hill with clean hands and a pure heart. So may we know the joy of reconciliation, and renewed fellowship with thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*PSALTER READING 100 Psalm 116 Pa

*GLORIA PATRI

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THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "The March of Days"-Junior Choir
Diane Clendenin, Director
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:13-25

ASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Spirit of the Living God"

*YMN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

ERMON Husbandry of the Spirit H. P. Bozarth

YMN 370 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"
ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
HIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD nd in loving memory of Mrs. H. D. Lambeth, Sr., by he family of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson.

ALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

oday: 1:30 P. M. Paper Collection

2:30-5:30 P. M. Vacation Church School
Workshop at the Beverly Hills United
Church of Christ in Burlington, N. C.
7:30 P. M. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room

ednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

hursday: 3:15 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal

8:00 P. M. Elon College Spring Band Concert in Whitley Auditorium, directed by Mr. Jack O. White

EVOTIONAL BOOKLETS for May-June are placed on the able in the narthex.

N ALAMANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. Brinson Rouse.



EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

May 7, 1967

I Peter 4:7-11

As Christians we know that God equips us with a variety of gifts. Including what was probably an early Christian baptismal sermon, the First Letter of Peter affirms that our baptism marks us as those who are called to use these gifts and capacities for one another. No Christian can keep his gifts and capacities in reserve for his own use alone; rather he expends them as God's steward for the sake of his fellow men. Baptized into Christ, each of us is to be like our Lord a "man for others," even if it means suffering, that in all we do God's love may be glorified.

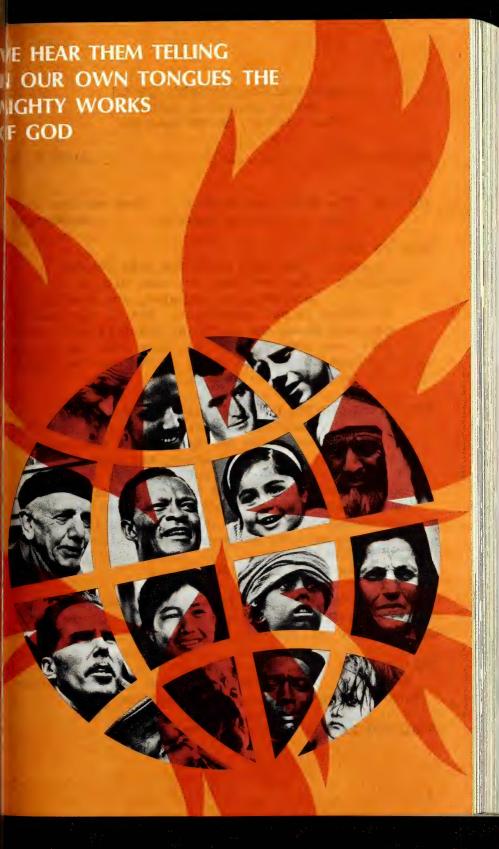
THE CHANGING RURAL SCENE

The decline of agriculture as a way of life, the end of isolation, accelerated mobility, the disappearance of the neighborhood, and the increase of leisure time—all make life in small towns and rural areas far different than it was even half a generation ago. A congregation can choose to ignore these changes; it can stubbornly resist the trends of the times; or it can blindly accept all changes coming its way. However, more creatively, the congregation can try to mold these trends in the direction of those values, attitudes, and practices which it understands to reflect God's will for men. Congregations in small towns and open country are rising to this challenge:

 A Colorado congregation has called its pastor to minister not only to its own needs, but also explicitly to minister to the needs of unchurched communities and isolated ranches nearby.

 A 125-year-old Pennsylvania congregation is finding new life as it seeks to minister to the Pocono Mountain vacationland as well as to suburbia.

United Church of Christ conferences and the Town and Country Church Department of the Division of Church Extension of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries give general encouragement and direct financial aid to help congregations in such ventures. You have a part through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission*.



May 14, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "The House upon A Rock" from Matthew 7:24
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist - Weinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

O Lord, our merciful Father, we pray thee to look upon us gathered here in thy presence now, and to shed upon us as a congregation, and upon each of us individually, the helpful spirit of thy grace, that all our thoughts and desires now may be such as thou canst sanction and satisfy; and that in our worship we may each of us be aware that we have come into thy presence, and rejoice anew in thy goodness to us.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"

*PSALTER READING 98 Psalm 104 Page 533

*GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Choral and Variation" - Langlais
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 2:1-10a

- Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may behold Thee, walking beside us in our sorrow.
- Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals we enter into the presence of the Living God.
- Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may see to follow Thee: Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

ASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me"

YMN 297 "O God, Above the Drifting Years"

ERMON A Mother in Israel H. P. Bozarth

IVMN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing" BENEDICTION and Response "May the Blessing of the CHIMES AND POSTLUDE Lord Be With You"

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis.

THE 1967 CHURCH SCHOOL CONVENTION will meet Tuesday, May 16, at the Reidsville United Church of Christ from 6:30 - 9:00 P. M. A fellowship dinner will be served by the host church. Please contact our Church School Superintendent, W. C. Perry, if you would like to attend this convention.

THE SENIOR CHOIR will not rehearse this Wednesday. Our Junior Choir will sing at the morning service next Sunday, and we urge all Junior Choir members to attend rehearsal this Thursday at 3:15 P. M.



WE HEAR THEM TELLING IN OUR OWN TONGUES TO MIGHTY WORKS OF GOD

PENTECOST

May 14, 1967

Acts 2:1-13

The Christian Church was born in men and women aflame for God. It was no accident that the Holy Spirit was described and depicted as a flame. What other symbol could convey the light, the warmth and the power that comes into the human life that opens itself to the inrushing of the Holy Spirit?

How do we recognize persons who have accepted this gift—who have allowed themselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit? The witnesses at Pentecost did not comment on the fireworks display, but they did marvel that these people could speak in a variety of languages about the wonderful works of God. The new Christians spoke understandably and relevantly to the crowds that gathered. They not only spoke with power but their whole attitude communicated the forcefulness of their experience and their message.

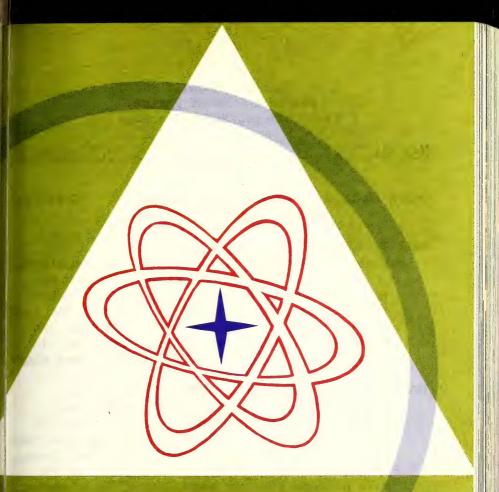
This year in our own land the Festival of the Christian Home coincides with Pentecost. As we celebrate Pentecost with Christians all around the world, you and I have a double reason to open our minds and hearts to the power God would give us.

The acid test of a man's or a woman's faith is how it demonstrates itself in the intimate round of daily living within the family. We cannot long deceive those who live closest to us. We must be genuine or our hypocrisy will be revealed.

When the demonstration of our faith in God's love within our family falters or fails, then our message to the world is impaired. The wonderful works of God will not shine through our clouded vision and cold hearts.

Let us pray then for the rebirth of our own families as well as of the larger family we call the church, so that we may tell of God to all those who look for the light and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

William H. Genn'e



FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS

May 21, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Trisagion on Nicaea" - Griffiths
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, saith the Lord. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)
Almighty and ever gracious God, we bow our hearts together in worship, thanking thee for this opportunity of renewed fellowship with thee and with one another. We bring thee our lives, asking thee to chasten and strengthen us; to make us more like our Lord, Jesus, in kindness, in devotion and in service, so that wherever we go men may catch something of his vision and find a new courage for their lives. Grant us an ever growing spirit of friendliness and of Christian love. In Jesus' name we ask it; Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 390 "As Pants the Hart"
*PSALTER READING 67 Psalm 16
*GLORIA PATRI

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ANTHEM - Junior Choir "There is Gladness Everywhere"
Diane Clendenin, Director - Ponsonby

THE OFFERING and Offertory Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 7:1-13

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear Our Prayer"

HYMN 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

A House of Cedar H. P. Bozarth SERMON

TYMN 362 "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve" BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

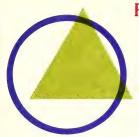
Wednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal Thursday: 3:15 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 P. M. Western High School Choral and Band Concert - in Whitley Auditorium

NEXT SUNDAY will be the last Sunday that Mr. Bozarth will be serving as interim minister for our church. We are grateful to him for his services the past several months.

WE EXTEND our sympathy to Mr. A. L. Rich upon the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Rich, Sr., in Goldsboro, N. C., May 13, 1967. The altar flowers today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mrs. J. M. Rich, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich.

MAY WE REMEMBER the following members of our church who have recently been hospitalized: Mrs. Brinson Rouse, Miss Caroline Powell, Mr. Chester Huey and Mrs. Roland Longest.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS, May issue, can be secured from the narthex table.



FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS

FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

May 21, 1967

Romans 11:33-36

This day we celebrate the unity of God in his activity among us. God as creator has made our world and ourselves; God as redeemer has lifted us from the despair of sin, returned us to his home and received us back to himself; God as sanctifier and illuminator guides and counsels his church and its members, and ceaselessly works in the events of history to bring all things to completion in himself. The cosmic symbol is used to indicate his presence in all creation, from the infinite reaches of space to the finite spaces of the atom; all things are indeed within his domain.

The mission to which we are called and on which we are sent is the mission of the triune God, his self-sending into this world. The mission is part of his continuous work in creation. God in Christ enables men to become new creatures and whole societies to be transformed. The gospel must first be preached to all men and then the end-purpose will come, the new heaven and earth of God's kingdom among men.

This mission is God's work as Spirit, for the Spirit prepares minds and hearts to hear the gospel, and no man can call Christ "Lord" except by the Spirit. This mission is also God's work as redeemer, the reconciling of mankind through the message and ministry of reconciliation which has been entrusted to the church. The Father sent the Son; the Father and the Son send the church which is guided and empowered by the Spirit. The triangle and circle well symbolize the world-wide mission—the triune God through the church's service creating a human society which reflects the unity of his own being.

R. Pierce Beaver



May 28, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Chorale in Provisation on 'Hanover' (Thiman)
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir: "Praise ye the Lord"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)
Almighty God, whose serene and solemn presence is
the light of all our days, cleanse our thoughts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that in
the fellowship of this hour we may render unto
thee an acceptable sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. Grant us light to discern what is thy
will and way for us, and to share the wisdom that
redeems us from sin and folly. Grant unto us, we
beseech thee, the knowledge of thyself that
glorified thy son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*PSALTER READING 93 Psalm 96 Page 530

*GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Savior, Blessed Savior"
Primary Choir, Directed by Mrs. Maurine Gminder
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:17-22

ANTHEM "Hallelujah Chorus" (Beethoven)

Jack O. White, Director

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear Our Prayer"

MYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

ERMON

Great Possessions

H. P. Bozarth

YMN 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
HIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in honor of our 1967 High School and College graduates by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell.

upon the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. T.
Bailey, on May 21, 1967 in Alexander City, Alabama.

ALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

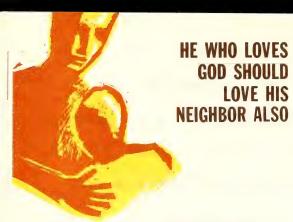
Today: 8:00 P. M. Western High School
Baccalaureate Service, held
in Western High Gymnasium.

Wednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P. M. Elon College Weekday Kindergarten Graduation, Parish House.

Friday: 8:00 P. M. Western High Graduation, to be held in the gymnasium.

Saturday: Elon College Alumni Day, with the Alumni Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p. m. in McEwen Banquet Hall.

Next Sunday we will have an early service of worship at 9:00 a. m., at which time we will recognize our high school and college graduates. Sunday School will follow at 10:00 a. m. The Elon College Baccalaureate Service will be held at 11:00 a. m. in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

May 28, 1967

I John 4:16-21

As Christians we all claim to love God. But the First Letter of John gives clear warning that there is no real love for God which does not show itself in love for our fellow human beings. The person who hates his brother may say that he loves God, but his life denies his lips. For as Pierre Teilhard deChardin, the great priest-scientist, once said, "The way we treat people is the way we treat God." Our love, however, is not rooted in ourselves. As the First Letter of John reminds us, we love in response to the God who first loved us.

FROM SELMA TO SAIGON

Several months ago Chaplain William N. Feaster, 28, first Protestant Chaplain to die in Vietnam, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

In March, 1965, this young United Church of Christ minister, then assistant minister of Center Church on the Green, New Haven, Connecticut, was marching with the civil rights forces on the road from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Deeply concerned for social action, especially in the struggle against racial discrimination, Bill Feaster was an articulate spokesman for fair employment and fair housing.

Eighteen months later, Captain Feaster was marching again, this time with the men of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam. Seriously wounded by artillery fire, he insisted that other wounded men be cared for first, and gave what comfort he could to those around him. His wife, an army nurse stationed at Seoul, Korea, was flown to Saigon to care for her husband and was with him when he died.

Chaplains for the armed forces are recruited from among United Church ministers by the Council for Church and Ministry, an instrumentality of the United Church of Christ. As part of *Our Christian World Mission*, this Council also provides continuing services to these chaplains through retreats, counseling, and a supplemental annuity reserve for those who leave the service before qualifying for retirement benefits in order to return to civilian ministries.



June 4, 1967

9:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Adagio" - Corelli Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"This is the Day which the
Lord hath made"

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*PSALTER READING 80 Psalm 51 Page 523

*THE GLORIA PATRI

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

THE OFFERING
Offertory Organ Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SOLO "Eternal Life" - Dungan
Miss Winifred Barney, Contralto

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear Our Prayer"

*HYMN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

SERMON The Vision of the Pure John G. Truitt, Jr.

*HYMN 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION and Organ Response

CHIMES AND POSTLUDE

^{*}Congregation will stand

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, Sr., by their daughter, Miss Caroline Powell.
- WE ARE DELIGHTED to have Chaplain John G. Truitt, Jr., as our guest preacher this morning. Chaplain Truitt is with the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Norton Air Force Base, California.

WE WELCOME all of our graduates today. They are:

Elon College Weekday Kindergarten:

Jane Hart Alexander Patsy Griswold Lynn Baxter

Vic Vickers

Western High School:

Philip Bolton Peggy Coggins Philip Edgerton David Hughes

Ray King Joe Lowe Ann Matlock Alex Prats

Graham High School: Mrs. Gloria Marino Law

Elon College: Mrs. Daphne Hilliard

U. N. C. - Greensboro:

Sandra Jeffreys Lila Ann Smith

GREETINGS to George Dwight Colclough, born May 30, 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Colclough.

THE MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Magnolia Cemetery.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will not meet tonight.

THE SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 4, 1967

I John 3:13-18

The man whose heart is filled with hatred sinks into a darkness and death of the spirit. When he reaches out to others, however, with the self-giving love with which God has loved him, he rises out of that darkness into light, and passes out of that death into life. Only in obedience to God's commandment to love can we know the true purpose of our life. Such obedience is not something that should occur only on special occasions; it is to be a way of living in concrete and specific daily acts in which we open our hearts to our brothers both near and far.

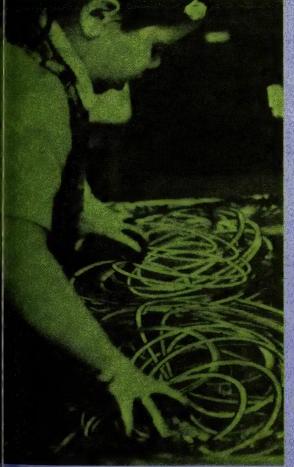
TREASURE ISLAND OF THE PACIFIC

Fifty miles east of Taiwan, two hundred seventy-five miles south of Okinawa, lies the island of Iriomote, the last frontier of the Ryukyu chain. Fewer than 4,000 people occupy this remote spot. Yet discovery of its resources and fertile soil are expected to attract more than 25,000 persons within the next few years to this Treasure Island of the Pacific.

After lengthy negotiations, the United Church of Christ in Okinawa, to which we are related, has leased a small knoll in the village of Ohara on the east side of this sub-tropical island. A parsonage is planned for a pioneer pastor. To serve local needs in the growing community priority may be given to establishment of a kindergarten. However, the pastor will also offer practical assistance to farmers in improvement of livestock, in poultry and egg production, in improving pasture grasses, field crops, and citrus production.

The United Church of Christ participates in this pioneer ministry through the United Church Board for World Ministries which cooperates on the Okinawa Interboard Committee with similar boards of the Disciples of Christ and of the Methodist Church. Support for this project is part of *Our Christian World Mission*.





THE GOD

OF ALL

GRACE...

WILL

HIMSELF

RESTORE,

ESTABLISH,

AND

STRENGTHEN

YOU



June 11, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Galliard" - Handel
Gene Featherstone, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us worship and give thanks unto him. People: He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life;

both now and forevermore. Amen.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Most holy and most gracious God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning; satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 13 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
*UNISON READING 118 Isaiah 40 Page 542
*THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:32-44

SOLO

Robert Gwaltney, Baritone

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear Our Prayer" (Response to be sung in unison)

THE OFFERING

Offertory Organ Music
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"

ERMON The Savior of Others Unable to Save Himself Joseph A. Synan, Sr.

*YMN 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ENEDICTION and Organ Response OSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

- E WELCOME all of our guests this morning and give a special welcome to the following who are participating in the service:
 - Bishop Joseph A. Synan, Sr. guest preacher,
 who is the general superintendent of the
 Pentecostal Holiness Church;
 - Mr. Gene Featherstone guest organist, professor of music at Elon College;
 - Mr. Robert Gwaltney guest soloist,
 Financial Aid Officer, Elon College.
- EXT SUNDAY the Reverend Thomas R. Hamilton will preach at the 11 o'clock service. Let us all be much in prayer for our new minister and his family as they move to our community this week.
- HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mrs. Kenneth David Nichols, Jr., and in memory of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman W. Vestal.
- SERVICE OF ORDINATION for Albert Borden Gminder will be held in this sanctuary at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The public is invited.
- THE GENERAL MEETING of the Women's Fellowship will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in this sanctuary. Everyone is invited to hear Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester and their daughter, Elizabeth, guest speakers.



WILL RESTORE, ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN YOU

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 11, 1967

I Peter 5:6-11

God's "good news" meets us, both in the church's preaching and teaching which equip us to face life's goals and challenges, temptations and struggles; and in the church's fellowship which supports us in these endeavors. At this season when often we acknowledge the importance of the church school, we affirm that the purpose of our educational task is to introduce children, youth, and adults to that new kind of life in which God makes us whole, secure, and strong, and prepares us to face even suffering for his sake.

AND THE BLIND "SEE"

Some children, perhaps most, take church school for granted. But not Cheryl, for she is blind. And church school, at least of the sort which most of our churches provide, has only a very limited number of activities in which blind children can fully participate. But Cheryl's church school at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Manhasset, N. Y., is different.

Some years ago, when Cheryl was just starting to school, her parents were trying to transcribe for her what they could into braille—a long, time-consuming task. Then a group of volunteers in the community began what has now become a continuing project, the transcription of the United Church Curriculum into braille. To date some 26 pupil's books have been transcribed. They range from A Place for Penny and The First Christmas for the nursery children to Becoming a Christian Person for the middle high young people. In addition, the church has secured the seventeen-volume Bible in braille and has transcribed the words of the Pilgrim Hymnal. Now blind children can attend regular church school classes, "read" the same books as their sighted companions, and participate in a very real way.

The United Church Curriculum is now used in some 5,000 congregations and contributes creatively to the education of children, youth and adults. The people of Manhasset have put the curriculum to good use

in helping "the blind to see."

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR ALBERT BORDEN GMINDER

Elon College Community Church United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

> June 11, 1967 7:30 P. M.

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR ALBERT BORDEN GMINDER

June 11, 1967

7:30 P. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Toccata in F" - Buxtehude
Fletcher Moore, Organist

SOLEMN DECLARATION

W. W. Sloan

CALL TO WORSHIP

W. W. Sloan

THE INVOCATION

W. W. Sloan

HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

William T. Scott

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8 New Testament: Acts 26:9-20

STATEMENT BY THE MODERATOR

Robert M. Kimball

SOLO

Wendell Bartholf, Tenor

SERMON

Joseph A. Synan

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND

Kenneth D. Register
J. Earl Danieley

THE EXAMINATION OF THE ORDINAND Robert M. Kimball

The Moderator: Beloved brother in Christ, before God and in the presence of his people I bid you respond to the following questions: Are you convinced in your heart that God has planted within you the desire to be one of his ordained ministers?

The Ordinand: I am so convinced.

The Moderator: Realizing your human frailty and trusting only in Him to whom all things are possible, do you engage to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being an example to the flock?

The Ordinand: I do so engage, God being my Helper.

The Moderator: Do you accept the faith and order of the United Church of Christ, and promise well and faithfully to do your share in her work and worship, that she in turn may be a true branch of that Holy Church against which the Scriptures promise that the powers of death shall not prevail?

The Ordinand: I do so promise, Christ being my Guide and the Holy Spirit my strength. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

John G. Truitt

THE DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND
THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP Robert M. Kimball

HYMN 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

THE BENEDICTION

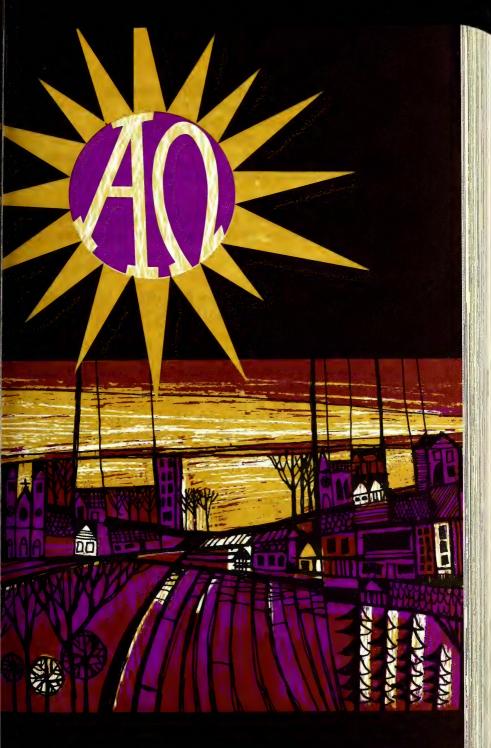
Albert B. Gminder

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in A Major" - Selby

Immediately following this Service of Ordination, Elon College invites you to a reception honoring Dr. Albert Gminder which will be held on second floor of McEwen Dining Hall.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

- Dr. Robert M. Kimball, Pastor, First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.; Moderator, Southern Convention (Acting Association) of the United Church of Christ.
- Bishop Joseph A. Synan, Sr., General Superintendent, the Pentecostal Holiness Church; Immediate Past President and member of the Board of Administration, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America; member, Board of Administration, National Association of Evangelicals, and member of the Evangelical Acting Committee; Chairman, Joint Study Commission of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Church of God.
- Dr. William W. Sloan, Professor of Bible and Religion, Elon College.
- Dr. William T. Scott, Director, Church Relations, Elon College; former Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches.
- Dr. C. Fletcher Moore, Dean, Elon College; Chairman, Department of Music, Elon College.
- Dr. J. Earl Danieley, President, Elon College.
- Dr. Kenneth D. Register, Pastor, Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, Burlington, N. C.
- Dr. John G. Truitt, Sr., former pastor of Congregational Christian Churches; former Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children.
- Professor Wendell Bartholf, assistant professor in the Deaprtment of Music, Elon College.



FOR CREATION WAITS WITH EAGER LONGING FOR THE REVEALING OF THE SONS OF GOD

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina Thomas R. Hamilton, Minister

June 18, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Adorn Thyself with Gladness" (Walther) Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day which the Lord Hath Made"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Thou hast invited us to come unto thee and find our rest; Lord God, we come. Grant us thy divine grace and help us to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thee for we come and we worship thee in the name of Christ our Lord whose prayer we now make our own: Our Father, who art in heaven...

"How Firm a Foundation" *HYMN 372 *PSALTER READING 87 Psalm 84 *THE GLORIA PATRI

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SCRIPTURE READING John 21:20-26

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Strength" Jack O. White, Director

(Titcomb)

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me"

THE OFFERING

"Chorale Prelude" (Buxtehude) Offertory *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 447 "O God of Love, O King of Peace"

Meet My Friend Andrew

MN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

NEDICTION

RMON

Prayer Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

TIMES AND POSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

- TE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the family.
- AY CAMP for boys and girls entering grades 5 through 9 will begin tomorrow morning, June 19 and will continue through Friday, June 23, at Moonelon. Camp hours are from 9 A. M. 2:30 P. M. If your child needs transportation to or from Moonelon, please call the church office.
- HE SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
- OPIES of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS June issue are available on the narthex table.
- UR BEST WISHES to the following couples who were married in this sanctuary recently:
 - Lena Nadine Longest and Jonathan Lucas, who were married June 4, 1967;
 - Lila Ann Smith and Kenneth David Nichols, Jr., who were married June 10, 1967.
- IN ALAMANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL is Mrs. Henry Motley.
 We will all want to remember her with our
 notes of cheer and our prayers.



FOR CREATION **WAITS WITH** EAGER LONGING

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 18, 196

Romans 8:18-2

In his letter to the early Christians at Rome, Paul affirms that no only man but the whole creation is on the road to the fulfillment of God' intention for it. He who is the alpha and omega, the beginning and th end, will bring his creation to full realization. As man anticipates libera tion from his bondage to sin and death, so nature awaits release from its bondage to decay. Both our lives and the world around us are no intended for destruction but for God's perfection.

OUR CONCERN FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Recently, forty-eight persons met at Camp Loughridge, about tel miles from the heart of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for a consultation on the Churchman's Concern for Public Education. The project was initiated by the United Church of Christ Committee on the Church and Urbaniza tion Emphasis and was jointly sponsored by the Fellowship Congrega tional United Church of Christ, the Council of Churches of Greate Tulsa, the Kansas-Oklahoma UCC Conference, and the Division o Christian Education of our United Church Board for Homeland Minis tries. The participants – laymen, ministers, public school officials, univer sity educators, and students - met for a full weekend to consider such questions as:

- How can the public schools do a better job of preparing children for today's world?
- Can the quality of a child's education be measured?
- How well is the integration of public schools proceeding?
- Is money being used effectively in public education?
- Why school boards take stands on prayer in the classroom

Since the consultation, members of the group have pursued individually some aspects of the concerns lifted up in the meeting. The group will continue as a committee of the Department of Christian Life and Work of the Council of Churches of Greater Tulsa. You help support such important pilot projects as this when you support Our Christian World Mission.

THEY MAY ALL BY

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Mr. Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

June 25, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Thee We Adore, O Blessed Savior" - Willan CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Praise Ye the Lord"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Eternal God, thou art our dwelling-place in all generations. We turn to thee eagerly, as children turn to a father who listens. We come to thee again and again, for we need thee every hour. Give us today to know thee more surely in this earnest fellowship. Show us thy way, and give us the courage to walk in it. Continue with us as we make the Lord's prayer our own: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Stanzas 1-4

SCRIPTURE READING I Kings 22:1-37

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Moments of Concern Anniversary Prayer Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

"Rise Up, O Men of God" - Arr. Noble Cain ANTHEM

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Andantino" - Servaes *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

RMON Meet My Friend Micaiah

MN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

OSTLUDE "Jubilate Deo" - Benoit

*Congregation Standing

HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oxford and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lewis.

HE SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

EXT SUNDAY at the eleven o'clock service we will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion.

EVOTIONAL MATERIALS for July and August are placed on the narthex table. You may pick up your copy as you leave the sanctuary today.

THE TORCH will be coming to your homes this week.

If you have information you wish included in the next Torch please have it in the secretary's office by Tuesday morning.

OUR BEST WISHES to Peggy Coggins and Wayne Howard who were married on June 23, 1967 in Holt Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Elon Home for Children.

IN CONE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL in Greensboro is Mr. Larry Barnes. If you know of other illness in our church family please notify the minister.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 25, 1967

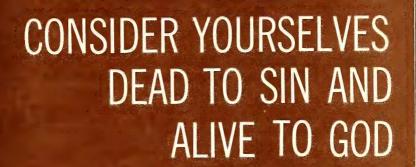
Tenth Anniversary 1957 – 1967

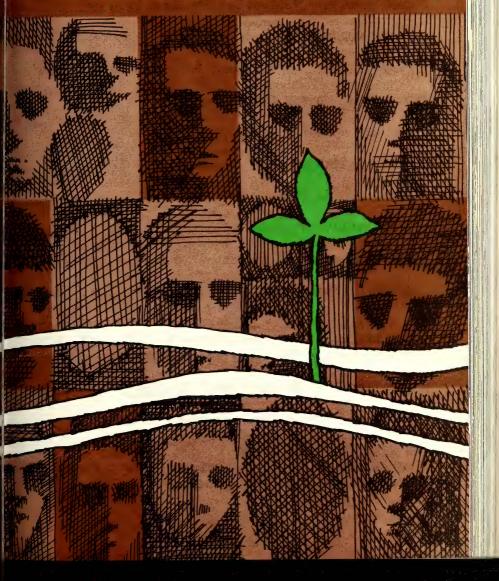
On June 25, 1957, the United Church of Christ brought together a combination of groups that once existed as separate denominations. We now observe the tenth anniversary of that historic occasion. This week, June 23-29, the Sixth General Synod of the United Church of Christ is meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. Seven hundred delegates are gathered for the biennial deliberations and decisions which will speak to the needs and issues of our day and will chart the directions of our work and mission in the coming years. We join with the General Synod in these prayers of thanksgiving and dedication upon this tenth anniversary of the United Church of Christ:

Eternal God, who has come to us in Jesus Christ reconciling the world to yourself, and has created the Church to be your servant in the service of men, we rejoice that you have received us into the fellowship which joins us across the centuries with prophets and apostles, saints and martyrs, and which binds us in our own time into one community out of every race and nation and tongue. Upon this anniversary occasion we give thanks for the United Church of Christ, for the heritage of witness and service that has preceded us, and for the opportunities that challenge us today. We also give thanks for all churches everywhere in this land and around the world who serve in the name of Christ. May we now all truly become one as together we draw nearer to Christ.

Make us worthy of the Church, O God, and make the Church worthy of Christ. Free us from the faults and weaknesses, the errors and the pride of which we are guilty. Touch us with the hurt of those who are wronged, with the sufferings of those who are aggrieved, with the wants of those who are in need. Enable us to give hope to the hopeless, and help to the helpless. Empower us with wisdom and courage in the struggle for peace against war, for righteousness against injustice, for love against hate.

Teach us again that we are stewards and not owners of the gift of life and of the possessions you have given to us. Renew us together with the whole Church in heart and mind, that through our work and witness there may come a new birth of hope and justice, good will and unity among men. We pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ and for the sake of your kingdom upon the earth, Amen.





Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

July 2, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Salvation Has Come Unto Us"

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

CHORAL INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:3-11

*The Gloria Patri

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "O Lord God of Hosts"

ANTHEM "Send Out Thy Spirit" Arr. Holler

THE OFFERING

Offertory "O Bread of Life from Heaven" -Bender *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION The Cup Which We Bless

HYMN 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect (in unison)

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General Confession (in unison)

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Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving

HMN 322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

ENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"

FSTLUDE "O Thou of God the Father" - Bach

*Congregation Standing

E ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Edgerton and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edgerton.

RE HAPPY to have Dr. Albert Gminder who is serving as liturgist in the service this morning.

ALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

pday: 1:30 P. M. Paper Collection

7:30 P. M. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room

onday: 10:00 A. M. Circle 1, with Mrs. W. T. Scott 3:30 P. M. Circle 2, with Mrs. H. Richardson

(Note: Circle 3 will meet July 10; Circles 4 and 6 will not meet in July; Circle 5 will meet July 11.)

ednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

rivate Communion will be served in your home upon our request to the Pastor.



DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 2, 196

Romans 6:3-1

Baptism is a celebration of God's gift of love to each of us. It proclaim a new power for every part of our lives. It points to the new life in Chris which emerges when our sinful, self-centered existence is "drowned and the power of his death-shattering victory is allowed to give us nedirection. We are baptized into the self-giving life and love of Christalife and love that triumph over death, a life and love that are the dail power of our lives and the confident hope for our future.

SIX WEEKS OF HARD WORK

Peggy, Dorothy, Tom, and Bill arrived at St. John's United Church of Christ late Friday afternoon. It didn't take long for them to get acquainted After dinner, they talked about their plans for the week ahead. This Youth Caravan team had already had three weeks of experience—the had spent a week in orientation and training, had worked at a mission in the inner city, and helped a group of suburban young people paint former parsonage which was being renovated for church school use Now they had just three more weeks to go.

Here at St. John's they would help the Youth Fellowship evaluat its program and plan for the year ahead. Sunday, they would conduct th morning worship, giving adults of the congregation some insight into th culture of today's youth. Later in the week they would visit the chaplai of a large recreation area and help plan a Wednesday night "happening for teenagers there. In all of their discussing, listening, and working the team would demonstrate their interest in the church and in th community.

As one team member put it, "This is my chance to be faithful to the potential God has given me, and to try to use, to the best of my ability all the ideas, concepts and skills I have learned, to help the church' mission whether it is in a whole community, or only in one heart and mind."

Last year nearly 300 United Church of Christ young people par ticipated in summer service opportunities—caravans, ecumenical service projects and work camps—programs in which we participate through the Division of Christian Education of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS
DEATH



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July 9, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "Blessings"

- Croker

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

FOR GREAT IS HIS STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD US: AND THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *PSALTER READING 103 Psalms 121, 122 Page 536 *THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1, 3

ANTHEM "Statement of Faith" - Maves (See words to anthem, inside back cover of hymnal)

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Have Mercy Upon Me"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Adagio" - Franck *The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

LDREN'S SERMON

N 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

MON Jonah, the Missionary

N 380 "March On, O Soul, With Strength" EDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

MES AND POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur in C" - Chauvet

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the GLORY OF GOD by Miss Georgie Moore and in memory of her sister, Mrs. Edith Moore Cole.

ENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 8:00 P. M. Circle 3, with Mrs. L. Kimrey Tuesday 8:00 P. M. Circle 5, with Mrs. G.W. Simpson Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, July 16, at 6 P. M., our church families will share in a covered dish supper which will be held on the church lawn. The Churchmen's Fellowship will furnish the beverage. We urge everyone to come and share in this hour of fellowship.

COME HOME to Joe McLelland, Steve Perry and Gareth Simpson. They spent this past week at Camp Moonelon, where they shared many happy experiences.

ASE GET your July issue of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE News from the narthex table as you leave the sanctuary today.

ETTER OF APPRECIATION from Dr. Jesse Dollar has come to our church. It is posted on the bulletin board near the Hunter Room.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 9, 1967

Romans 6:19-23

Sin, for all our dislike of the word, meets us on every hand; for sin is basically a broken relationship, a misdirection of effort. At its heart, sin is our rejection of God's direction and our intent to "go it alone." But this leads to enslavement by self-seeking desires that inflict a living death as well as a physical death upon both ourselves and others. Yet in the midst of this distorted life, God meets us with the offer of a gift—the gift of new life in Christ Jesus our Lord which frees us from enslavement to ourselves.

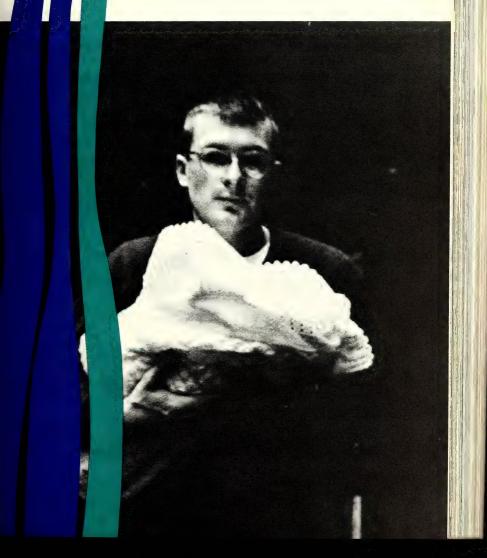
THE OTHER SIDE OF FAMINE

Miss Lela C. Wasser, missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries who works in the Rural Life Program of the Chhattisgarh and Orissa Church Council in Central India, points out that while millions have suffered during the past year in the worst famine of this century, yet some good also has come out of this mid-twentieth century human tragedy.

The people in many parts of India have worked together as never before to improve village conditions. They have built roads, dug wells, and developed irrigation projects. The failure of monsoon rains may not again cause such wide-spread drought as in the past. They have also diversified crops and changed food habits so that the failure of a rice crop, for instance, may not again cause them such wide-spread famine, for they will be able to use other grains for food.

Last year we in the United Church of Christ gave more than \$400,000 to help the famine-stricken people of India. Yet, while the need continues for special funds to meet critical problems, Dr. Alford Carleton, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries, recently pointed to two additional needs. Churchmen, he said, need to urge our government to pledge food grains to meet India's current needs, and to urge American farmers to plant enough additional acres to help overcome present shortages of food grains available for relief needs.

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July 16, 1967

11:00 A. M

PRELUDE "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" (Willam

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

CHORAL INTROIT "All the Earth Shall Worship Thee"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)
Almighty God, we come into thy presence now remembering thy promise that in all places where thy name is heard, thou wilt meet with thy people and bless them. We would claim that promise now. Strengthen and renew within us the vows we make unto thee. We offer to thee our adoration and thanksgiving in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, praying as he taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 8

*The Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8

ANTHEM "Glory Be to God on High"

(Mueller)

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Spirit of the Living God

THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Alleluia"

(Van Hulse)

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

YMN 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

ERMON

Marks of a Son

(All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:14)

YMN 376 "Lead Us, O Father" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"

HIMES AND POSTLUDE

"Maestoso"

(Bender)

*Congregation Standing

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Especially we would welcome our visitors, asking that you sign our uest Register in the narthex. Return to worship with us often.

FAMILY NIGHT will be observed this evening begining at 6 o'clock with a picnic supper on the church awn. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. the beverage, silverware, napkins, etc., will be turnished.

THE CHURCH WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE of the couthern Conference will be held at Catawba College duesday through Friday of this week. Leadership includes Dr. Warren Matthews, Mrs. Ruth Mahoney, Missilizabeth Lester and Rev. Porter Seiwell. Women of our church who can attend one or more days should contact Mrs. Mark McAdams.

OUR SENIOR CHOIR will not have Wednesday evening chearsals for the remainder of July and during august. However, rehearsals will be held each Sunday corning at 10:30 o'clock in preparation for the 11 o'clock worship service.



sons of God

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 16, 196

Romans 8:12-1

When we say "sons" we usually think of a physical relation to parent Yet, we know that the deepest meaning of sonship lies beyond any suc physical relationship. The Apostle Paul speaks of our relationship t God as "sonship by adoption." The public testimony to that adoption our baptism. Here our Father declares us to be his sons with Christ, th Son. Here he calls us to acknowledge his gift and to express our sonshi by letting his liberating Spirit lead us into a life that shares in his sor making purpose.

THEN AND NOW

What changes are taking place in overseas missions? Seventy year ago, when our United Church Board for World Ministries began its wor in Rhodesia, the missionaries built all the schools, did all the teaching and paid all the bills.

Today, in the area around the Chikore Mission, local communitie build their own schools, every teacher in our primary schools and eac of the two school district managers is African, and the Rhodesia government is responsible for many salaries and other operating expenses. Our missionary efforts are now concentrated on secondary education, and even here the larger share of responsibility is in African hands

What has happened at Chikore is in many ways typical of oversea mission work today. Quietly and steadily, the responsibility for wor once done by missionaries is being placed in the hands of nationals. The missionaries increasingly see their own role as that of co-workers in common task. It is important to note that in the face of mounting uncertainties and tensions around the world the mission continues a livin testimony to the fact that men of good will can live and work harmoniously together. Whatever the future may bring—in Africa or else where—this fact will never be completely forgotten, for it is this nev life, lived in community with one another, that is the very purpose an objective of the Christian mission—throughout history and throughout the world today.

is Elon Callege July 23, 1967

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

July 23, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Adagio"

- Bennett |

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Eternal God, help us to come before thee in humility and in joy. We bring to thee our unfinished work, our tarnished ideals, our broken hopes for ourselves and for others. We pray thee to heal and restore, replenish our spent energies, and direct our strength into glad service. Draw us closer to the mind of Christ, and help us to pray his prayer more worthily:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using 'trespasses')

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-13

*The Gloria Patri

PSALTER READING 75

Psalm 36

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SOLO "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" - Harker
Miss Winifred Barney, Contralto

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The silent prayers of the People
The Pastor's prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

E OFFERING

Offertory "Lord God of Morning" - Walther *Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Prayer of Dedication

MN 297 O God, Above the Drifting Years"

W TESTAMENT LESSON II Thessalonians 3

RMON

A Promise Made

MN 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" NEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" IMES AND POSTLUDE "Voluntary IX" - Stanley

*Congregation Standing

WE WELCOME each of you as you worship with us day. A special welcome we give to our visitors, d we ask that you sign our Guest Register in the rthex.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF D by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Holt and in memory of their thers, Mr. W. A. Holt, Sr., and Mr. J. A. Albright, Sr.

OUR CONGREGATION unites in an expression of ristian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rumley upon e death of her brother, Mr. James A. Boone, this st week.

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES should be aware of A Family fe Camp to be held at Moonelon beginning Sunday, ly 30 and continuing through August 5. The director 11 be Rev. Walter Dobler, staff member of the United wrch Board for Homeland Ministries, Boston, Mass. gistrations can be made through Miss Ruth Dunn.

ANYONE having information for the next issue of the RCH should have it in the church office this Tuesday.

God is faithful

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 23, 19

1 Corinthians 10:6-1

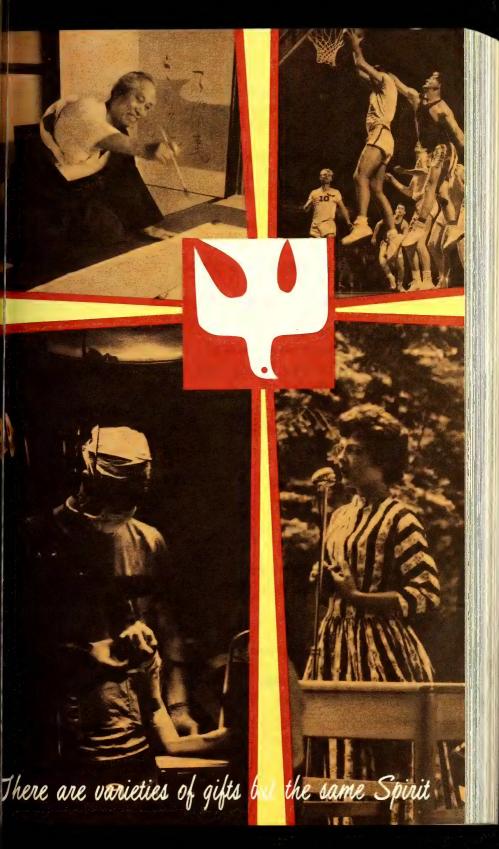
A Christian's life does not know a security free from temptation. Life a plant, we can be buffeted and threatened by the perils and storms life. And we shall succumb to them when we rely on our own strengt As a plant remains strong when it draws its nourishment from the so and air and sun, so we can remain strong as we rely on God who fait fully nourishes us by the power of his Son—not apart from temptatio but in the midst of it.

HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

There were the classic symptoms of poverty: No man in the hous holes in the roof and in the walls, no bathtub, no wash basin, a stopped up toilet, rats, no electrical outlets, sagging ceiling. The grandmothe her two daughters and four grandchildren all live in the shack and slee two and three in a bed. Despite the squalor, the family somehow ha managed to get through four years of slum existence — but now the hous is to be condemned — and they must move. But move where? It isn't eas to find a place you can afford in a middle-class community when you're poor, or when you have a big family, or when you're a Negro.

So it was in 1965 a group of concerned persons at Christ Congregational Church (UCC) in Silver Spring, Maryland, decided to do some thing—no matter how small—to show their concern. At first they though in terms of just their own church helping just one family. But there was o much need and so many concerned people offered to help, that the found themselves taking on many more than the one original family

Now, more than a year later, they have provided housing for I families. Seven were white, the rest Negro. Organized now as Emergenc Homes, Inc., they find housing for the family, provide donated furniture subsidize the rent, utilities and maintenance beyond what the family ca afford to pay, and provide a social worker to visit the family and wor with them. Already they have "graduated" two of the original familie whom they have helped. Thus does one congregation help implement Our Christian World Mission by what it does locally to meet human need



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July 30, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE "I Come and Seek Thee" - Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Pastor: As for us, we will call upon the Lord our God, and he shall hear our voices.

People: He shall hear and bless us, even he that abides of old.

Pastor: Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain you.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Dr. W. W. Sloan
The Lord's Prayer (Using 'trespasses')

*HYMN 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

STATEMENT OF FAITH (In unison)
(Inside back cover of hymnal)

JUNIOR SERMON

*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 16:1-9
*The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The silent prayers of the People

The Pastor's prayer for the People Choral Response "Have Mercy Upon Me, O God"

E OFFERING

Offertory "Lord, Be Present" - Zachau
*Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
*Offertory Prayer

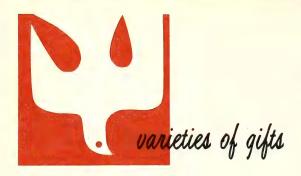
W TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 12:1-11

RMON Look at the Variety!

MN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory
NEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
IMES AND POSTLUDE "Magnificat Fugue" - Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing

- WELCOME Dr. W. W. Sloan, Professor of Bible at Elon College as liturgist for this service.
- HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of Mr. R. S. Shomaker by Mrs. Shomaker and the family.
- HE FOLLOWING CIRCLES meet this week:
 - Circle 3 meets Monday at 6 p. m. for a picnic supper at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Willard White; Circle 5 meets Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Sam Webster;
 - Circle 6 meets Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the home of Miss Mary Lee Foster.
- HE WORLD CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS invites our congregation to attend the public service at the Greensboro Coliseum to hear the Secretary-General of the United Nations, The Honorable U Thant, this evening at 7:30.
- T CAMP MOONELON this week: John Baxter



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 30, 196

1 Corinthians 12:1-1

None of us would want to live where everyone was just alike. "Variet is the spice of life." This is no less true in the Christian community and in his wisdom God has given to us various gifts and talents to enric one another and to carry on the total ministry of the church. Yet it is the one same Spirit at work in each of us, uniting us in the confession the "Jesus is Lord!" and calling us to recognize our interdependence with on another and our dependence together on the great Giver of all gifts

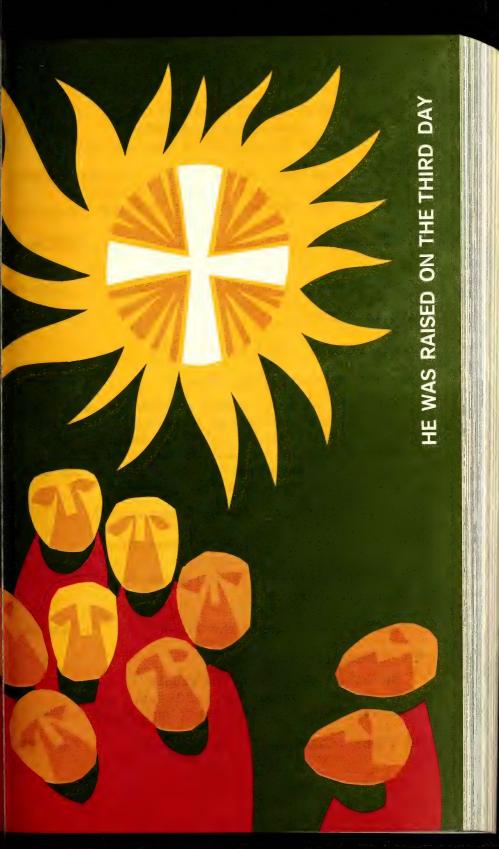
MISSION IS A TWO-WAY STREET

For three summers Peter, a student from Kenya studying at Hartfor Seminary Foundation, had served as a mission emphasis leader i summer camps and conferences of the United Church of Christ. The last summer, Peter joined an ecumenical work project in the East Side of Buffalo. Working with a team of nineteen other young people in a depressed area of the inner city, Peter made telephone calls and house-to house visits, passing out information sheets explaining about Bibl school, Day Camp program, scout camp, and block meetings.

Here in the heart of a great city, he discovered the "waiting mentalit of the slums." People, young and old, waiting for nothing but time t pass. Jobless, hopeless, rocking in their chairs on the porch or standing

idly on the street corner, they wait, just wait.

As he approached the end of his seminary training, Peter content plated what he should do on his return to Kenya. Who knows whether was because of his experience representing the mission to young people is our summer camps and conferences, or because of his discovering the depth of human need in last summer's work project, that Peter was less more and more to consider similar needs in Nairobi, the largest city of hown country? What is clear, however, is that mission is a two-way stree God's mission first brought the Christian faith to the people of Kenya it then brought Peter to serve the people of this country; and now it leading Peter back to serve the people of his own land.



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August 6, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Beautiful Saviour"

- Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Pastor

CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Lord God, we come to thee as thou did invite us: with all our burdens and concerns, seeking light, and strength, and refreshment. Sanctify this hour of worship for each one of us that the thoughts of our minds and the praise of our lips may be acceptable to thee.

The Lord's Prayer (Using 'trespasses')

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9

*The Gloria Patri

"God So Loved the World" ANTHEM

- Stainer

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The silent prayers of the People The Pastor's prayer for the People Choral Response "Have Mercy Upon Me, O God"

THE PSALTER READING Psalms 42, 43

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OFFERING

"Magnificat V" - Dupre Offertory The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MY 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

W TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 13

RMON The More Excellent Way

MN 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" NEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless You" IMES AND POSTLUDE "Built on the Rock" - Peeters

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest and family and in mory of Mr. Homer J. Cochran, father of Mrs. ngest, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Longest, Sr., rents of Mr. Longest.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. ry Matlock upon the death of her father, Mr. Donald rry, on July 29, 1967, in Burlington, N. C.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members meets during e Church School hour today and again next Sunday.

TODAY: 1:30 P. M. Paper Collection

7:30 P. M. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room

MONDAY: 10:00 A. M. Circle 1 - Hunter Room 3:30 P. M. Circle 2, with Mrs.Mark McAdams

CAMP MOONELON this week: Mary Lou Bolton, Earl olton, Tommy Hamilton, Buddy Boyd, Mark Rinker, plaine Simpson, Frances Goude.

I JOHN'S RIVER CAMP: Charlotte Hughes, Mary Ann Butler.



ON THE THIRD DAY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 6, 1967

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not an historical fact to prove, but a present power to proclaim. The resurrection goes beyond the limits of scientific investigation and gives us new life beyond the potential of man's technology. It is God's death-conquering power that breaks like the sun into the darkness of night. Without it there would be no church, no New Testament, no Christian faith. It is God's confirming testimony to the self-giving love of the cross, a testimony reconfirmed in the joyous faith and life of those who enter into it.

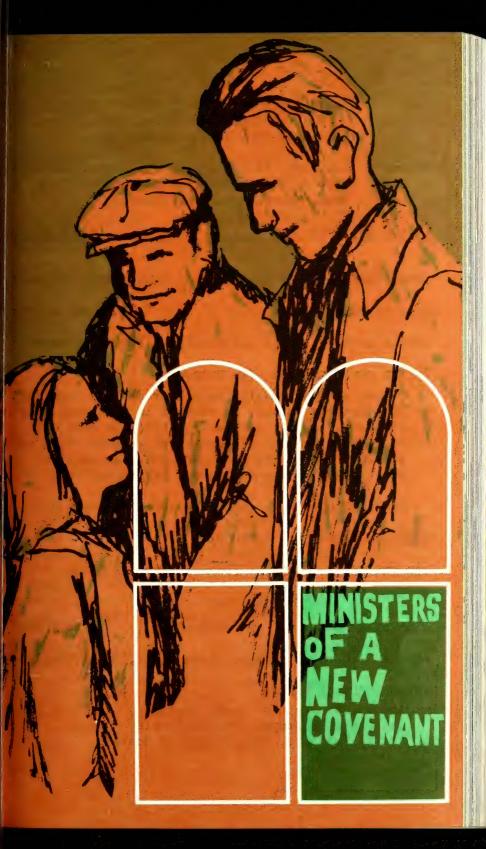
A LOVE THAT IS MORE THAN SERVICE

Miss Pauline King, missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries at the Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore, South India, has a new "daughter."

Glory, a bright-eyed, lively little lady with black curly hair, is not quite two years old. She came to live with Miss King last year when her mother died and her blind father, a repatriate from Burma, found he could not care for Glory and her two sisters. His job, putting together small matchboxes, brings him only about \$3.00 per month, not half what he needs to live.

Today, there are many children suffering because they have no parents or because their parents are too poor to give them even the food they need to live. Many are living on the streets and under the trees just as was Glory's family when Miss King first found them. Many children literally die of starvation and malnutrition—die not suddenly, but slowly.

Living under very unsanitary conditions they must battle constantly against disease. But for Miss King's foster child, and others like her who find love and care through those who are sent by *Our Christian World Mission*, there is now hope—a hope which shows itself in love.



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August 13, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE 'My Inmost Heart Doth Yearn' (Brahms)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Pastor

CHORAL INTROIT "All the Earth Shall Worship Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

O Thou who hast called us and brought us together in this quiet place, be with us in this hour apart. Subdue our anger; let thy perfect love cast out our fear. Enlarge our hearts as we feel, with our fathers, the beauty of thy Church. Be with us still as we make our Master's prayer our own:

The Lord's Prayer (using 'trespasses')

*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 29:13-21

*The Gloria Patri

PSALTER READING 93 Psalm 96

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ANTHEM "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Mueller)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The silent prayers of the People The Pastor's prayer for the People Choral Response "O Lord God of Hosts" TE OFFERING

Offertory "Most Gracious Lord" (Reger) Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *Offertory Prayer

MN 252 "O Word of God Incarnate"

IN TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 4

ERMON See That You Fulfill...

MN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord" HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Allegro Moderato" (Eslava)

*Congregation will stand

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you today. We especially welcome our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

- HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Jeffreys and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jeffreys and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ehlert.
- E EXPRESS our deepest sympathy to Miss Lila Newman upon the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Newman, on August 2, 1967, Burlington, N. C.
- NEXT SUNDAY at 9:00 A. M., a combined Church School-Service of Worship will be held in our sanctuary. Each Church School class is asked to sit as a group, as this will take the place of the regular Church School classes.

The Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement services will be held in this sanctuary at 10:30 A.M.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 13, 196

2 Corinthians 3:4-1

By "covenant" we mean a living engagement in which people con together, joined to one another by God for a ministry to people. The Apostle Paul challenges those who have made the written code a this in and for itself, and who fail to see in Christ's coming the climax God's outreach to men. Wherever things, even religious laws, become more important than people, we miss the meaning of the phrase, "mi isters of a new covenant." A written code may have the power to codemn, but it lacks the power to give life. The new covenant in Christ written "not on tablets of stone, but on the tablets of human hearts

KEEPING THE FAITH IN ANGOLA

In 1961, at the outbreak of the insurrection in the northern portion of Angola, Portuguese West Africa, it was widely assumed by government authorities that leaders of the Angola Evangelical Alliance, the Protestant church with which the United Church Board for Wor Ministries has been affiliated for sixty years, were the instigators. This, course, is contrary to fact. Nevertheless, the government institute measures against the Protestant church in that area of the country forbidding it to meet for worship. This ban continued in effect in son areas until September 1966 at which time, after five years, the ban w lifted and the church was again allowed to meet and worship.

It is not difficult to imagine the rejoicing of the people. It is interesting to note that in one outlying area where in 1961 there were nine catechists or lay teachers serving the needs of the church, in 1966 the call went of fourteen catechists to come and serve—vivid testimony to the power of faith to not only maintain itself, but indeed to increase under people.

secution.

Continuing difficulties with government authorities have force withdrawal of most American missionaries from Angola and have la increasing responsibility upon the 70 ordained Angolan ministers and the more than 100 lay catechists of the Angola Evangelical Alliance. Throug Our Christian World Mission we stand by these Christian colleagues their time of trial and help make it possible for the ministries of the Gospel to continue.

God gave it to Abraham

by a promise



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

August 20, 1967

9:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "O Lord, We Praise Thee" - Van Hulse
Mrs. Al Hassell, Guest Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Pastor

Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Lord God, our Father, give unto us an increase in faith, in hope, and in love. With all our hearts we truly seek Thee. Help us to find thee that we might offer ourselves to thee in holy worship. In our Master's name we pray as he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (using 'trespasses')

*HYMN 4 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

*The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayers for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Improvisation in Tonus Peregrinus"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication - Van Hulse

CTURE SERMON

Primary: Respect

Hymn "Thy Church, O God, is Everywhere"

Lower Junior: <u>Jesus Found Power</u>
The Good Samaritan

Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

RMON The Dangers of Attending Church School

MN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

NEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

IMES AND POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor"-Pachelbel

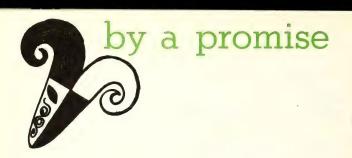
*Congregation Standing

by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Colclough and in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Green Colclough, and her father, Mr. J. C. Watts, and in honor of Mrs. Colclough's mother, Mrs. Blanch Watts. They are the grandparents of George Watts Colclough who is graduating today from Elon College.

IIS CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Service of Marriage for:

Theron White and Rebecca Hill this afternoon at 3:00 P. M. at the Altamahaw Baptist Church;

- Vester R. Brantley and Mary S. Clem on August 26, 1967, 3:00 P. M., in this sanctuary.
- UNITE in an expression of Christian Sympathy to:
- Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields upon the death of her father, Mr. Jim Willie Stone, on August 15, 1967;
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Jr., upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Mamie W. Ledbetter, on Aug. 17, 1967.
- E ARE HAPPY to have the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement Service in our sanctuary this morning at 10:30 o'clock.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 20, 190

Galatians 3:15-2

The ram caught in the thicket is a symbol for God's mercy. It stems fro the biblical narrative in which God provided a sacrificial animal to tal the place of Abraham's son, Isaac. Isaac's life was spared, and he begathe long history which finally, in Christ, fulfilled God's promise the Abraham that through his descendents all the families of the earth wou be blessed. The Apostle Paul emphasizes that our faith centers not in on human achievement of keeping legal codes but in God's faithful fulfillment of his loving mercy toward us—a mercy that meets our sinful rebellic head-on with the promise of new life and calls us in faith to enter into it

SOUNDS OF MUSIC IN HAWAII

The eleven small congregations of the United Church of Christ on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, have generally lacked opportunity for practic training and appreciation of good church music. At least they did unt Mr. Melvin Gallagher and his wife came to Kauai in June 1962.

Mr. Gallagher, formerly minister of music in one of Honolulu largest churches, came to Kauai to develop more singing congregation "Every church large or small," he observes, "has a right to a mus ministry. The trouble has been that the larger ones have been the one which could finance such a program. Yet it is the small churches which need the expert assistance much more." And the churches on Kauai at small, most of them under 100 members.

For several years now, the music ministry of Kauai has echoed across the island. When he isn't teaching the rudiments of music to the childres or working with one of the church choirs, Mr. Gallagher may be bus leading the more than 70 adults—representing Kauai's 30 Protestant an Roman Catholic Churches—who blend their voices in the Kauai Chorale

The Music Ministry of Kauai, which is supported jointly by the Hawaii Conference and the Department of Town and Country of the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homelan Ministries, is but one example of our continuing concern for sma congregations.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

August 27, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "O, For a Closer Walk With God" (Groves)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "All the Earth Shall Worship Thee"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Lord God, our Father, give unto us an increase in faith, in hope, and in love. With all our hearts we truly seek Thee. Help us to find Thee that we might offer ourselves to Thee in holy worship. In our Master's name we pray as he taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 50:14-23

*The Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 5:13-23

ANTHEM "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Mueller)

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT INTERCESSIONS

Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "As With Gladness Men of Old" (Markworth Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Offertory Prayer

YMN 302 "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"

ERMON

Roots and Fruits

YMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Blessing, Lord"

HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Moderato" (Handel)

*Congregation Standing

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us this morning. In this House of Worship we sense and know the nearness of the presence of God. Pour upon Him your joyfulness and your needfulness that this worship may be a ministry to you.

- HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland and in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norwood and his mother, Mrs. D. N. McLelland.
- E UNITE in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Holt upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Viola Albright, on August 18, 1967.
- NNOUNCEMENTS for the next issue of "The Torch" are due in the church office by Tuesday morning.
- DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS for September-October are on the narthex table.
- TEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILIES who graduated from Elon College last Sunday were: George W. Colclough, Richard L. Franks and Nadine Longest Lucas. We extend our congratulations to each of these.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 27, 196

Galatians 5:16-2

Sometimes we give the impression that the Christian life is a burde to be borne rather than a joy to be lived. Delivered from the slavery of trying to establish ourselves and build our own security, the Christian faith gives us a new freedom to rejoice with the joy of children and to bear the fruits of the Spirit that enrich all human relationships: "love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, an self-control." The philosopher Nietzsche's words strike home, "Thes Christians will have to show me they are redeemed before I will believe in their Redeemer."

SOMETHING OLD AND SOMETHING NEW

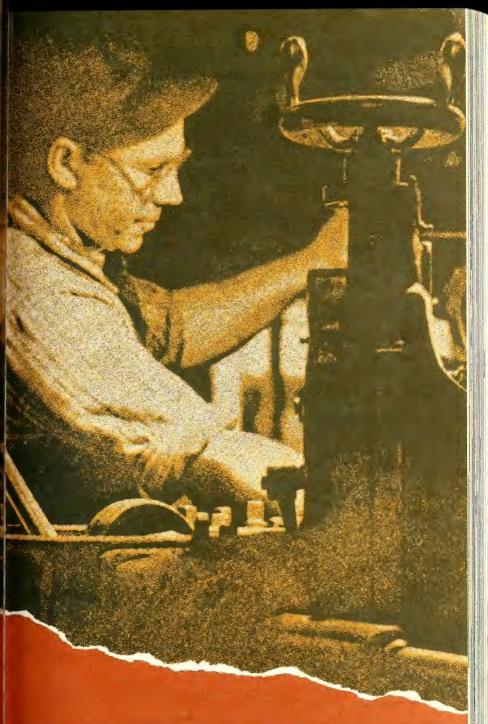
Take something old, like a pair of used offering plates; and somethin new, perhaps a portable lectern or altar; add something borrowed maybe choir robes; and something blue, hymnals for instance—take a of these and put them together with a dynamic young pastor and a enthusiastic group of people, and you may get, not a wedding, but typical new church project of the United Church of Christ.

In the past ten years, the United Church of Christ has establishe about 325 new congregations through help given by the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Mir

istries and the conferences.

Sometimes a conference committee on church extension takes th initiative, and with the cooperation of neighboring churches explore the need for a United Church congregation. Sometimes a new church i begun when a group of people petition a conference to come to their aid Always there is consultation with other denominations to lessen an duplication of effort. Increasingly new congregations are being starte interdenominationally.

Not all new churches grow at the same rate. One church may become self-supporting in a year or two, another may never reach full self support, while most reach this stage of maturity in from five to six years. The providing of new churches has been a constant and long-standing concern of our mission in the homeland since the earliest days of our nation's history.



because he sees he light of this world

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September 3, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Praver"

(Guilmant)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *HYMN 7

SCRIPTURE LESSON Selected Passages on "Man and his Work"

* Gloria Patri

*PSALTER READING 109 Psalm 150

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ANTHEM

"Blessing and Honor"

(Mueller)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here"

(Bach)

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

HYMN 421 "We Thank Thee, Lord"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:31-45

For Christ and Against

MN 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

HIMES AND POSTLUDE

ERMON

"Maestoso"

(Boellmann)

*Congregation will stand

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you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

- HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock and in memory of their fathers, Mr. D. H. Perry and Mr. J. W. Matlock, Sr.
- E EXPRESS our deepest sympathy to Mr. C. E. Barnes upon the recent death of his mother.
- HE SPECIAL OFFERING for the Middle East crisis will be received today along with the regular offering. Special envelopes are placed in the pew racks for your gifts.
- PAPER COLLECTION will be held today in our community beginning at 1:30 P. M.
- HE SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
- IRCLES will not meet this week but will meet in General Session on September 11 at 8 P. M., in the sanctuary.
- THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS of our Church School will have their class sessions in the Parish House beginning next Sunday, September 10. All young couples, college students and any others are invited.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 3, 196

Labor Sunday

John 11:1-1

Artificial light upon our work can serve as a pointer to him who come as the world's Light to illumine our whole life. The words from the Gospel of John are part of a passage whose climactic declaration is I am the resurrection and the life. It is the power of God's new life in Christ, even in the midst of death, that is a light upon our daily work. The beams of this light enable us to see our labor as a place where his transforming concern for darkened lives can bring new life—righ where we work.

MINISTRY TO THE "WORLD OF WORK"

In the past half-century there have been great gains for labor higher wages, shorter working hours, and increased job security. The church has had its part in helping to promote human dignity and inter pret the relationship between faith and the world of work.

Today, the church's involvement with this world of work moves in two directions: within various occupations and professions and across

occupational and professional lines.

Here in the United States, we are related through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to a wide variety of cooperative programs. The Detroit Industrial Mission, the Metropolitan Corporation Mission in Newark, N.J., and a specialized ministry in Sterling Forest, N.Y. represent a cross-section of these ministries.

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Overseas, too, through the United Church Board for World Ministries we relate to a variety of industrial ministries. The Nishijin Labor Center, for instance, in the northwestern part of Kyoto, Japan, is seeking to show Christianity as a viable option to more than 20,000 workers who have heretofore thought of the Christian church as something only for the intelligentsia and the sophisticates.

Thus at home and abroad Our Christian World Mission seeks to

direct the bright light of the Gospel upon the world of work.

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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

September 10, 1967

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Aría"

(Bender)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, by whose creative power we have our being, by whose sacrificial love we have our redemption, and in whose wise purposes we have hope of life eternal, we turn now to thee with all our hearts and minds. Let thy holy presence sanctify this hour as we come to worship thee in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, praying as he taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 5:17-27

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "I Believe in Miracles"

(Peterson)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 7:11-17 Matthew 11:25-30 E OFFERING

Offertory "Moderato" (Vyverman)

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MN 322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

RMON Written for Faith

MN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

NEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

IMES AND POSTLUDE "Organum Plenum" (Bingham)

*Congregation will stand

WELCOME each of you as you worship with us today. We ask our visitors to please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

E ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mrs. Janet Loy Faulkner, by Mrs. Jo McAdams Grimley and Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAdams.

URCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Today:

6:00 P. M. Senior Choir Covered-dish
supper at the home of Winifred Barney.

7:30 P. M. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room.

Monday: 8:00 P. M. General Meeting of Women's Fellowship; installation of new officers for 1967-68 - Sanctuary.

Wednesday: 9:00 A. M. North Carolina & Virginia Conference meeting at the Haw River United Church of Christ.

7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal.

INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. T. R. Hamilton will held in this sanctuary next Sunday at 7:30 P. M.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 10, 196'

Matthew 11:25-3

Living by rules can take all the spontaneity out of life and make i more a burden than a joy. Jesus attacked those who made law-keeping a thing in and for itself and who tried to force such an understanding on others. He summed up the whole intention of the law in terms or responsive love for God and our neighbor. To learn from him is to share one's self with others. His "yoke" of love does not cramp out style. It brings his true and joyous purpose into our hearts and lives.

THE CHUK YUEN CENTRE

The casual passerby would probably not look twice at the smal group of boys cutting out steps in the steep paths that lead up Lior Rock in refugee-swollen Hong Kong. But many of the twelve thousand former refugees who now live in resettlement housing on the roc have begun to notice the boys, for they are there every day—from early morning until well past noon.

Who are these boys? What are they doing here? Jonathan Lau Director of the Chuk Yuen Family Life Centre will tell you that the are his boys. Ten of them were chosen for this experimental work-stud project. Each boy came from the resettlement city-within-a-city whic covers the steep lower slope of Lion Rock. Each boy had his own problems. Each was either a delinquent or a potential delinquent.

For five hours each day the boys now work—their first project wa to clear the paths up Lion Rock and to cut steps—and for two hour they study Chinese, English, and mathematics. One evening each weel they learn woodworking. The total course is planned to continue fo ten months during which time the boys receive a small wage. At the end of that time the boys will be encouraged to find jobs. They wi always know that they have friends at the Family Life Centre.

The Chuk Yuen Family Life Centre, is one of the important ser vices in which our United Church Board for World Ministries has a part through the Hong Kong Interboard Committee and the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China. One of the Targe Ahead proposals for the BREAKTHROUGH program of Our Christian World Mission is the discovery of additional ways to work with refugees such as those who settled at Lion Rock.

NITED HURCH

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

FOR

THE REVEREND THOMAS R. HAMILTON AS PASTOR OF

THE ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 17, 1967 7:30 P. M.

PRELUDE "Trumpet Voluntary in D" (Purcell)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Lightbourne

*PROCESSIONAL "God of Grace and God of Glory" p. 366

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Dr. Lightbourne

* Choral Introit "Spirit of the Living God"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61:1-9 Mr. Andes

* Gloria Patri

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (In Unison) Dr. Fields

ANTHEM "Rise Up, O Men of God" (Walter)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Cor. 3:2-6; 4:1-6; 5:17-20

SERMON We Have This Ministry Mr. Schaeffer

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

*RECESSIONAL "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" p. 269

*BENEDICTION

Mr. Hamilton

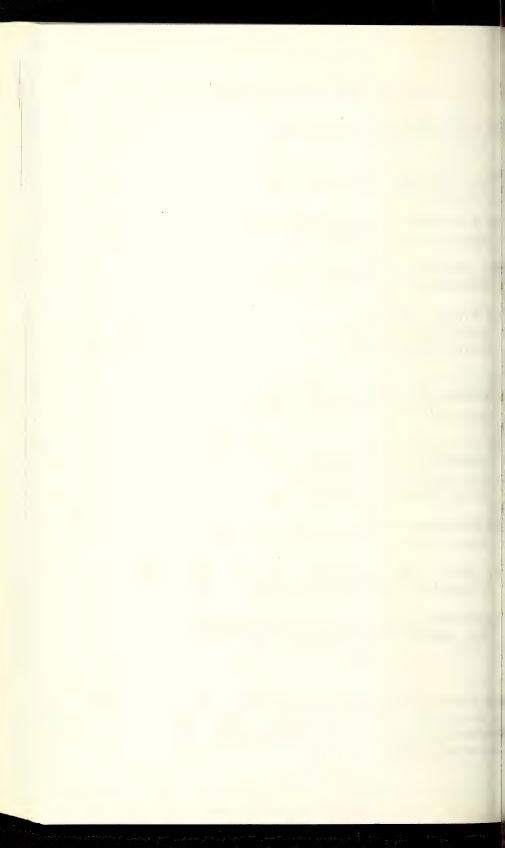
* Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" POSTLUDE "Fantasy in C" (Bach)

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE CALL OF THE PASTOR-ELECT Dr. Kimball
THE PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR Dr. Danieley

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

- he Reverend Mark W. Andes, Pastor of Edgewood United Church of Christ, Burlington.
- r. J. Earl Danieley, Chairman, Board of Deacons, Elon College Community Church, Elon College.
- he Reverend Clyde L. Fields, D.D., Association Minister, Eastern North Carolina Area, Elon College.
- rs. Maurine Gminder, Organist, Elon College Community Church, Elon College.
- he Reverend Robert M. Kimball, D.D., President,
 North Carolina-Virginia Acting Association and
 Pastor of First United Church of Christ, Burlington.
- he Reverend James H. Lightbourne, Jr., D.D., Conference Minister, Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Burlington.
- he Reverend Kenneth D. Register, D.D., Chairman, Committee on the Ministry, North Carolina-Virginia Acting Association and Pastor of Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, Burlington.
- he Reverend Marlin T. Schaeffer, Pastor of First United Church of Christ, Lexington.
- r. Jack O. White, Minister of Music, Elon College Community Church, Elon College.
- eggie White and John MacDonald, Acolytes, members of the Elon College Community Church, Elon College.
- ou are cordially invited to remain for the reception of follow in the Parish House. The reception is lanned by our Women's Fellowship in honor of our astor and guests.



HE COVENANT OF INSTALLATION

oderator: Brother Pastor, are you willing now in the presence of God and this congregation to

reaffirm your vows of ordination?

stor: I am, with the continued help of Christ.

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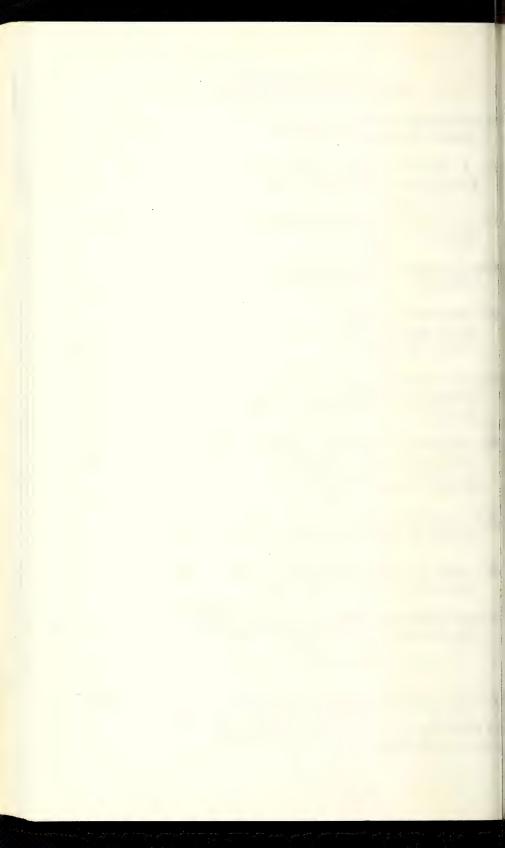
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TE INSTALLATION PRAYER

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TE DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

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THE INSTALLATION PRAYER

Dr. Register

THE DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Dr. Kimball



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST That They May All Be One

As its emblem and inscription truly signify, the distinctive genius of the United Church of Christ is to be found in its commitment to the ecumenical ideal. This church body is dedicated to realizing this goal in the quality of its own internal life, in performing a catalytic function within the world-wide communion of consecrated Christians, and its encountering and transforming the world through the mission and message of the Gospel. Both its own heritage and present composition constitute living examples that Christian solidarity *does* have the potentiality of triumphing over the divisive forces inherent within different ethnic and ecclesiastical traditions.

The United Church of Christ also stands in the vanguard of those denominations that are deeply troubled over the scandalous incongruity which exists between the unity of spirit and faith that the Christian Church proclaims on the one hand, and the deep and often acrimonious divisions which characterize its institutional structure on the other hand. As a witness against this situation, our church has sought to involve itself in a wide variety of cooperative ventures on an interdenominational basis, culminating perhaps in its years of constructive participation in the Consultation on Church Union which aims at a major ecumenical breakthrough within the context of American Protestantism.

As important as this commitment is within the Church, it should never be forgotten that the primary ecumenical function of Christianity should be directed toward the world. God's preeminent motivation in the redemptive drama which climaxed in the event of the Cross was His love for the world. Consequently, Christians should ever remain mindful that the Church was made for the world, not the world for the Church. To be true to the mission emblazoned on their emblem, therefore, the members of the United Church of Christ can do no less than commit themselves to an active participation in the sacrificial life of their Lord in this present age by bringing his peace and compassion and fellowship to a divided and wayward world.

-Hollis F. Price



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

September 24, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"Morning Invocation"

(Daly)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, come --Come as a fire that burns,
Come as the wind and cleanse,
Come as the light and reveal,
Convict, Convert, Consecrate,
Until we are wholly thine. Amen.

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

p. 514, Hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 100

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "O Lord, be gracious unto us"

ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

(Shaw)

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Allegretto"

(Batiste)

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MN 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

W TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 10:17-31

ERMON

Almost a Disciple

YMN 297 "O God, Above the Drifting Years" *ENEDICTION and Response "Grant us Thy peace" HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Fantasy" (Pachelbel)

*Congregation Standing

E EXTEND to each of you a warm welcome as you worship ith us this morning. We ask that our visitors please ign the Guest Register in the narthex.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and n memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Sr., by the amily.

E WILL SHARE in the observance of Holy Communion ext Sunday at the service of worship as we observe orld-wide Communion Sunday.

ERVING IN THE NURSERY today for pre-school children re Mrs. Diane Gerlach and Mrs. Lucille Kluttz.

NNOUNCEMENTS or news items for the next issue of the ORCH should be in the church office by Tuesday morning.

HURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, from 10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., our women are invited to hear Dr. Bernard Boyd of the Dept. of Religion, U.N.C., Chapel Hill, at the First Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington, N. C.

Tuesday at 3:30 P. M. Primary Choir Rehearsal Wednesday: 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal Thursday: 8:00 P. M. Finance Committee will meet in the Hunter Room.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 24, 1967

Christian Education Sunday

Mark 10:17-27

We are unable to break the hold that the idols of our own making place upon us: the enslaving gods of possessions, power, prestige, pleasure, and self-righteous goodness. It takes the gift of one who comes to us offering a new loyalty and who can break our misplaced loyalties with what has been called "the expulsive power of a new affection." In Christ, God's great love comes to claim us and deliver us from an enslaving quest to establish ourselves. He frees us to follow him in the task of bringing release to the captives through the chain-breaking power of love—a love that meets us where we are and opens us to God's new possibility for our lives.

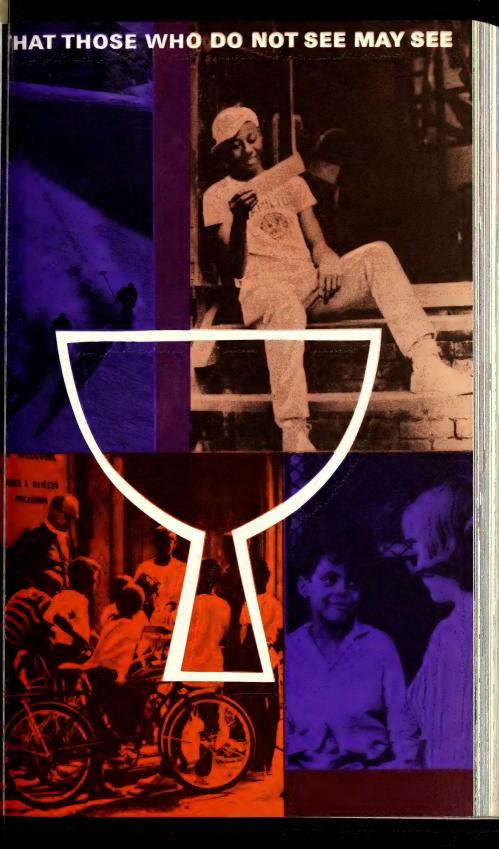
STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN LAND

"A big city full of people, and I was alone. There was no one to turn to." The twenty-year old's words are full of pathos. Drawn to the metropolis by the lure of work and companionship, drawn by the hope of a better life and easy money, he finds himself on a treadmill of hopeless depersonalization.

Today, more than 30 million young adults in the United States struggle to find their true identity—most of them in our cities. The social problems faced by these young people create a greater strain at this age than at any other time of life. And the church, the one institution which might be expected to help ease the strain, is in many ways completely out of touch, for the young adult today lives in a different culture, one which is restless, cut off, depersonalized.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is participating in the ecumenical National Young Adult Project. This year four regional training conferences have been held bringing together interconfessional urban teams from major metropolitan areas for study and for planning.

On next Sunday, October 1st, many congregations of the United Church of Christ will participate in the second annual all-church offering for *Neighbors in Need*. The development of a strategy for meeting and communicating with young adults will be largely supported with funds from this appeal.



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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

October 1, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"Blessed is He"

- Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People: Today we come to proclaim the death and the life of the Lord Jesus, thankful that God did so love the world.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:22-32

* The Gloria Patri

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

p. 512, Hymnal

ANTHEM "Canticle for Communion" - Marshall

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. Not with old leaven, meither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth; therefore let us keep the feast

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Lord, Christ, God's Only Son" -Walther *Choral Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *Offertory Prayer

MEDITATION

One Loaf - One People

HYMN 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh" (stanzas 1 and 2)

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect (in unison) p. 495
General Confession (in unison) p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

*Thanksgiving

HYMN 414 "In Christ, There is No East or West"
BENEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in peace"
CHIMES AND POSTLUDE "Praise God, Ye Christians" -Willan

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Miss Marsha Lankford by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford and Capt. and Mrs. Frank Purdy.

CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- #1 Monday at 10:00 A.M. Miss Winifred Barney
 - 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. R. S. Shomaker
 - 3 Monday at 8:00 P.M. Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
 - 4 Monday at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. S. L. Allen
 - 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. G. W. Simpson
 - 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. D. M. McLelland

TODAY: 5:00 P.M. -Dr. Bernard Boyd speaks to all young people at Church of Holy Comforter in Burlington, N.C.

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons - Hunter Room.



THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MAY SE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 1, 196

World-Wide Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need All-Church Offering John 9:24-4

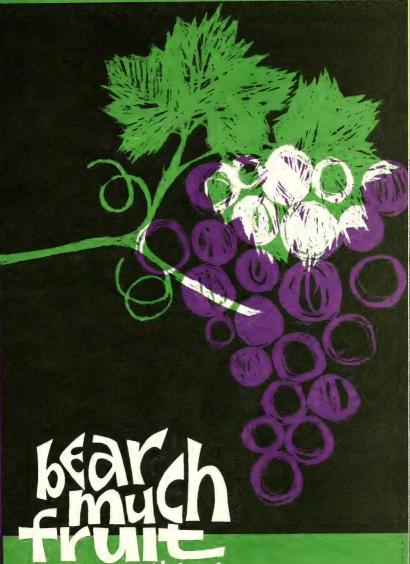
As the Light of the world, Jesus enters into our human life to make new sight possible. John's Gospel marvelously narrates a kind of melody and counter-melody: the melody of a healed blind man who finally comes to "see" and believe in his healer; the counter-melody of those who thought they could see but who in their unbelief become "blind." On World-Wide Communion Sunday, around his table, we celebrate the presence of him who is the light of the world. He comes to us to open our eyes that we may "see" him, and so proclaim him to others that we all may confess him with both our lips and our lives.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED?

Many congregations of the United Church of Christ will participate today in the second annual all-church offering for Neighbors in Need This appeal for homeland needs is designed to provide funds beyond those your congregation has already given for *Our Christian World Mission*. The 1967 Neighbors in Need appeal will provide help for:

- ☐ Negro students in need of greater educational opportunity.
- □ Winnebago Indian youth through a demonstration school project.
 □ The poverty-stricken and dispossessed in the Mississippi Delta.
- ☐ Young adults in metropolitan areas through an ecumenical and cooperative ministry.
- ☐ Young people in higher education through a Christian "presence" on more than 450 campuses.
- ☐ Church pastors in need of continuing education.
- ☐ Negro congregations of the United Church of Christ through the recruitment and training of a far greater number of able students for church vocations.

In each of these areas, the Neighbors in Need Offering will increase and strengthen work already begun by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Council for Church and Ministry, the Council for Christian Social Action, and the Committee for Racial Justice Now. Consider this list of persons carefully and prayerfully. Do you recognize them as your Neighbors in Need?



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October 8, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Father, to Thy Name"

(VanHulse)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord has been mindful of us; and he

will bestow his mercy upon us.

People: He will bless those who fear him, both

great and small.

Pastor: O that man would praise the Lord for his

greatness.

People: And for his wonderful works to all his

children.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

SCRIPTURE READING II Timothy 3:10 - 4:5

* The Gloria Patri

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord" (Haydn)

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

CHILDREN'S SERMON Dr. Gminder

* Hymn 385 "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"

Mr. Hamilton
Mr. McLelland

IE OFFERING

Offertory "Antiphon IV" (Dupre)

*Choral Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*Offertory Prayer

MN 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

**INEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in peace"
HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Largo" (Bender)

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*Congregation Standing

SSISTING in the Service of Worship today are Dr.
Albert Gminder and Mr. D. Marsh McLelland.
Serving as Acolytes are Ricky Uzzell and David
Williams. Mrs. Sam Webster and Mrs. W. W. Snyder
are serving in the nursery for pre-school children.

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Dr. J. A. Hunter by the family.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT for the women of our church and the Edgewood United Church will be held Tuesday, October 10, from 10:00 - 2:00 o'clock at Moonelon. Mrs. W. E. Wisseman will lead the Bible Study. Ladies, please remember to take a bag lunch.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING of our church will be held next Sunday at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of electing new officers and acting upon the 1968 Proposed Budget. We urge every church member to be present.

REETINGS to Thomas Edward Powell, IV, born Oct. 3, 1967 to Lt. Commander and Mrs. Thomas Edward Powell, III.

R. CLYDE L. FIELDS remains a patient in Alamance County Hospital. He is progressing nicely.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 8, 1967

Laity Sunday John 15:1-8

The term "laity" from the Greek word *laos* means people, and in the Bible it means the whole people of God. The church is not a people where only some are to be faithful. Each member, as a branch joined to the true vine of Christ, is intended for fruit-bearing, the fruit of loving one another and giving himself for the sake of others. Because Christ himself bore such fruit, it is in our bearing such fruit also that we show our attachment to him. Then we are his disciples not only in name but also in deed, and it is the deed that is convincing.

MEET MAP

Meet the Metropolitan Associates of Philadelphia. Now completing its second year of existence, MAP is an ecumenical project sponsored by the American Baptists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and the United Church of Christ.

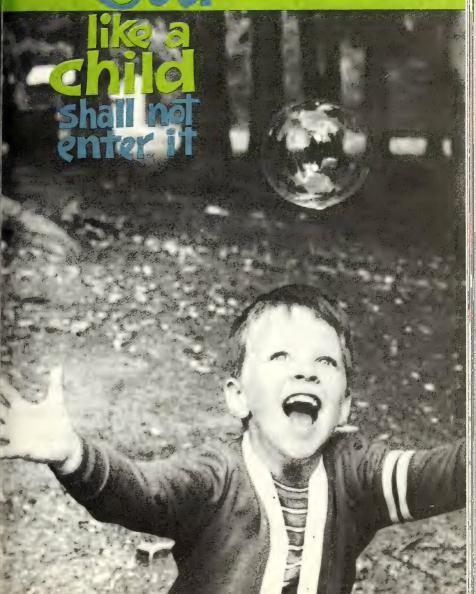
Most of MAP's 50 to 60 members are laymen—lawyers, businessmen, brokers, teachers, government personnel, labor officials. To them MAP means providing a Christian "presence" in the institutions in which they work. "The nature of MAP's ministry in these institutions and structures," says Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, executive director of MAP, "is to bring illumination, provocation and summoning to their calling and vocation." To be present in the field of metropolitan daily newspapers, for example, is not to set up a separate church press, but to prompt the existing papers to do their job.

MAP is present in six sectors of community life: arts and education, health, social organizations, politics and government, business and industry, and physical development. Members meet regularly to exchange information within and between sectors. In addition to the laymen who are involved, MAP's staff includes five "urban agents," ordained ministers related to the sectors, and nine "worker ministers"

working at secular vocations and paid by secular employers.

In a way, Metropolitan Associates is a computer-age extension of the French worker-priest idea with one important difference. MAP believes that laymen, too, must represent the church if it is to bring illumination to the workaday world of men. Theological perspective, social science insights and the vital issues of life are all focused in MAP.

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October 15, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"Chorale"

(Willan)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

People: The Lord is near all who call upon him,

to all who call upon him in truth.

Pastor: Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show

forth his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.

Choir: "O come, let us worship and bow down"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

RESPONSIVE READING (Inserted in bulletin)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-21
* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Grant Unto Me" (Saint-Saens)

Grant unto me Thy mercy, O Father, and forgive my sore offenses; for Thou art ever kind and gracious to all. Wash me, make me undefiled, cleanse me from my sin. Gracious God, my heart now quicken, make my spirit right and true. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear our prayer"

YMN 256 "Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace"

ERMON

God's Love Letter

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Deck Thyself with Gladness" (Walther)
Response of the People "The Doxology"
Offertory Prayer

HYMN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

BENEDICTION and Response "Grant us thy peace"

POSTLUDE "Largo" (Bender)

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Rev. John Kittenger by the family.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today:

2:30-5:00 P.M. - a district meeting for Senior Highs (grades 9-12) will be held at the First Christian Church in Burlington.

7:30 P. M. Quarterly Business Meeting to be held in the sanctuary. Report of the Nominating Committee can be found on the bulletin board

in the narthex.

Tuesday: 3:30 P. M. Primary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 P. M. Christian Education Committee

Wednesday: 3:30 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

PLEASE pick up your October issue of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS as you leave the sanctuary today.

ACOLYTES today are John Baxter and Mark Danieley.

Mrs. Roland Longest and Mrs. C. E. Barnes are serving in the nursery for pre-school children.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 15, 1967

Mark 10:13-16

Only those with the empty hands and joyous expectancy of children are open to receive the loving rule of God. He cannot give himself to those whose hands are closed upon the security of their material goods or with hearts full of confidence in their own goodness. As Martin Luther wrote, "We are beggars. That's the truth." We cannot earn or buy our way into God's concern for us, but we can receive his gift of love with open arms and radiant gratitude.

FRUIT OF THE MISSION

What sort of persons are those who are the "fruit" of the mission enterprise overseas? Like Christians in our own congregations, they vary in their faith and in their witness. However, one or two examples give some indication of the sort of leadership that is developed through Our Christian World Mission.

In Rhodesia, for instance, where we have been at work since 1893, there is a young man with tremendous drive and courage. His keen sense of social justice led him into trade unions and politics. Picked up by police for these "suspicious" activities, and reportedly subjected to electric shocks before being released, he has gone underground. He now lives incognito, isolated even from members of his own family, and is completing his secondary education, the first step toward his goal of becoming a Christian minister.

Or take another example in Rhodesia, a young woman in her early twenties who is the sole support of her widowed mother. While working sixty hours a week as a domestic servant, this young woman is completing her secondary education by private study so that she may become a nursing orderly in one of our mission hospitals or a domestic science teacher in one of our church-founded schools.

The United Church Board for World Ministries continues to provide both personal and financial support to such courageous men and women who are the leaders-to-be of the United Church of Christ in Rhodesia. Together, we carry out a ministry of education, medical care, and social service which centers in our common witness to God's love in Christ.

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October 22, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Psalm XIX

- Marcello

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister

Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Thou in whose life we find our life, through the gift of whose Spirit we do our work and bear our burdens: grant us now the sense of thy nearness. We would open our hearts to thy Spirit, our minds to thy law, and our wills to thy quickening energy. Dwell in us and make us fruitful. Amen.

*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-12; Matthew 5

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Statement of Faith"

- Maves

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer Choral Response "Hear us, O Lord"

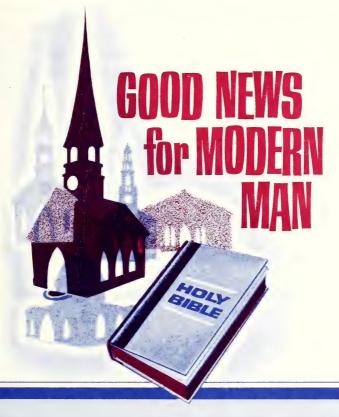
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Albert Gminder

* Hymn 327 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK • OCT. 15-22

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING • OCT. 15 – NOV. 23
BIBLE WEEK TO THANKSGIVING



Imagine yourself on a dark, lonely road. You need help. There's a telephone booth a short distance away. You consider yourself fortunate. One dime—that's all you need to establish a connection between you and aid. You search your pockets, but you have no change. It matters little that you have several bills. Right now a single dime is worth the lot—it's the difference between one—and none.

You look for an approaching automobile. You can see for miles, but there are no lights anywhere. It matters little that millions of cars have taken this road in the past and that millions more will take it in the future. All you need right now is just a single good Samaritan—it's the difference between one—and none.

Throughout the world there are millions of people stranded on lonely roads. For many it would take only a Bible in their own language to establish a connection between need and help. This is the reason for the American Bible Society...and its 150 years of making the Bible available in the languages of the world.

THE WORKS AND WORD OF GOD

RESPONSIVE READING

Minister:

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People:

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Minister:

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

People:

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Minister:

In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People:

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.

Minister:

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

People:

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Minister:

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

People:

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Minister:

Moreover by them is thy servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People:

But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.

Minister:

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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THE OFFERING

Offertory "Prelude in F"
The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

- Bach

SERMON

I, The Bible

HYMN 451 "Turn Back, O Man"

BENEDICTION and Response "Lord, let us now depart

POSTLUDE in Peace"

*Congregation will stand

WELCOME to each of you as you come to worship with us this morning. Especially we greet the members of the Elon College Fraternities and Sororities. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. Marshall W. Hook by the family.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Eastern North
Carolina Association will be held Wednesday at the
Durham United Church of Christ. Our delegates are
Dr. A. L. Hook, Mr. George Colclough and the minister.

THE BURLINGTON AREA Churchmen's Fellowship will meet Thursday at 7:00 P. M. at Long's Chapel Church. Transportation can be arranged through Al Hassell.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to the wedding of Alvertine Privette and John Craddock on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Holt Memorial Chapel.

HOSPITALIZED - Dr. Clyde Fields at County Hospital Mr. Chester Huey at Moses Cone

PRIMARY CHOIR (grades 1,2,3) - Tuesday at 3:30 P. M. JUNIOR CHOIR (grades 4,5,6) - Wednesday at 3:30 P.M.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 22, 1967

World Order Sunday

Luke 9:57-62

In Christ, God does not come to destroy an unbelieving world but to save it from chaos and self-destruction. To proclaim the kingdom of God is to let the spirit of Christ's concern for human life order our personal, national, and international relationships. For the Christian there are no valid excuses for failing to follow Christ in meeting the injustice, poverty, and war that disrupt the world's life. Citizenship in God's kingdom expresses itself, not in withdrawal from the world but in seeking to fulfill God's purpose that "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord." To exercise civic responsibility as a Christian is to proclaim that Christ is Lord not only of our personal life but of the world.

THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE

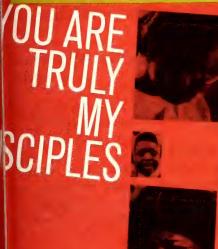
World Order Sunday, is a good time to consider the claims upon our citizenship in God's kingdom.

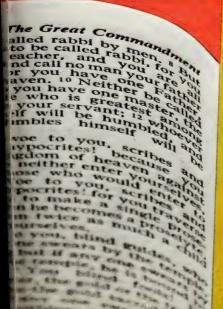
"How can a Christian ever justify war?" argues one man. "What is the alternative?" counters another. "Isn't it a question of choosing the lesser evil?" inquires a housewife. "But have we really chosen a lesser evil or a greater one?" replies a college student. Across the nation and the world the debate goes on.

The New Hampshire Conference last year determined to make the search for peace a major priority. After creative discussion of the issues at last year's annual meeting, the conference joined the Council for World Affairs, the Roman Catholic Diocese, other members of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, and the University of New Hampshire in sponsoring a two-day conference on "The Requirements for Peace." It has since engaged its churches in workshop sessions designed to develop such practical methods for advancing the Peace Priority Program locally as sermons and discussions on international responsibility, study of current legislation, special projects with foreign students, international travelers and missionaries, contact with local newspapers, radio, and television media.

The Peace Priority Program challenges you to resist the common apathy of our day to the issues of war and peace, and actively to work for better international relations.









Signs of the End

signs of the End straining out a gnat and straining out a gnat and straining out a gnat and 25 "Woe to you, scribes 25 hypocrites! for you isees, hypocrites! for you isees, hypocrites! for you strain the cup and of tr outside they are full of ex inside they are full of ex inside the inside of the cu cleanse that the outside a plate,

clean. Woe to you, scribe 27, hypocrites! for you isees, washed tombs, which white beautiful, but who whitewashed tombs, whice whitewashed tombs, whice white beautiful, but with appear of dead men's bones full of dead men's bones full of hypocrisy; you are full of hypocrises; for ye tombs of the prophets at monuments of the rightee monuments of the rightee fathers, we would not he fathers.

if we had lived in the fathers, we would not had fathers. We would not have the with them in shedding the prophets. It Thus you wanted

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

October 29, 1967 Reformation Sunday 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Ich Ruf' Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ" -Bach
"Christ Lag In Todesbanden" -Bach
Mrs. Al Hassell, Guest Organist

*PROCESSIONAL 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Lord God, our Refuge and strength, we thank thee
that thou hast revealed thy Son to us, on whom
we have believed, whom we have loved, and whom
we worship. Lift us above our doubts and fears
to his mind and his spirit. Amen.

* Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46:1-7; Romans 1:16, 17

* Glorai Patri

ANTHEM 'Lord, As We Pray to Thee' -Dasher

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "O Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

CHILDREN'S SERMON Dr. Albert Gminder

* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE OFFERING
Anthem "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"
- Primary Choir

Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

The Mighty Fortress

HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

BENEDICTION Dr. Jesse Dollar

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

POSTLUDE "Ein feste Burg" -Buxtehude

*Congregation will stand

WE WELCOME each of you as you come to worship with us this morning. Especially we welcome two of the former ministers of this church, Dr. Jesse Dollar and Dr. William J. Andes and Mrs. Andes.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. L. D. Martin by Mrs. Martin and daughters, Mrs. Stirling Hamlin, Mrs. Thomas Sneed, Jr., and Mrs. William Yost.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

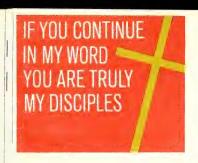
Today: 2:30 - 5:00 P.M. Junior High Rally at First United Church of Christ in Greensboro. Cars will leave from the church at 1:50 P. M.

7:30 P. M. Study Planning Committee

Tuesday 3:30 P. M., Primary Choir Rehearsal Wednesday:3:30 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P. M. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10:30 A. M. World Community Day - at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington

Next Sunday at 9:45 an orientation class for new members will be held in the Pastor's Study during the Church School hour.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 29, 1967

John 8:31-36

Reformation Sunday is not so much a time to speak of what we are free from as what we are free for. In a day when barriers are going down between the churches, we are free for a common assault on all the barriers that divide us and keep us from exercising our full humanity. In John's Gospel the truth of the Son that frees is personal. He himself is the truth that enters fully into the world's life to make all relationships "true" and to conquer our sin of separation from God and from one another. Reformation Sunday celebrates the Son's call for a continously reformed and reforming church that lives the truth which makes men free.

A NEW REFORMATION AFTER 450 YEARS

After 450 years, the Protestant reformation has found a new dimension and a new imperative. Today, as never before, Protestants and Roman Catholics are seeing that they must work *together* if the church is to be renewed and reformed.

In Kansas City, Missouri, the new St. Marks Church, located in the midst of tenements and renewal housing, is the first united effort of Protestants (United Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and United Church of Christ) and Roman Catholics to work together at the parish level. The Division of Church Extension of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference both are participants here.

Half-way around the world in India, Action for Food Production, now in its second year, is the first instance of world service initiated jointly by Protestants and Roman Catholics. Funds given by members of the United Church of Christ in last year's India Famine Appeal have been largely channeled through AFPRO. The Division of World Service of our United Church Board for World Ministries has been a participant from the very beginning.

Out of such coming together in the common task of Christian service there comes new hope for the continuing renewal and reformation of the church.

I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

November 5, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"We Pray Now"

- Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Eternal God, our Father, whose name we so often take upon our lips, but whose presence and power we seldom feel in our lives, make our faith real. Hear our prayer that we might be strengthened with power through thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A prayer of H. E. Fosdick)

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 41 "Father, We Praise Thee"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:19-42

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "O Lord, Incline Thine Ear to Us"

THE ANTHEM "O God, I Offer Thanks to Thee"

- Beethoven

TEMPLE TALK

Dr. Philip Mann

* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind" - Peeters
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

Silent, but Unconvinced

HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (omit stanza 4)

Choral Response "Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace"
POSTLUDE "Fanfare in D" - Lang

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt and in memory of Mr. Schmidt's mother, Mrs. Marie Van Volkom.

WE UNITE in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. Walter Cox, Mrs. Stella Cox Huffine and Mrs. Mattie Cox Ward upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Alta Washburn, on November 2, 1967. Funeral services will be held in this sanctuary today at 3 o'clock.

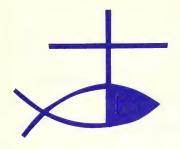
CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- #1 Monday at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. W. W. Snyder
 - 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. C. G. Latham
 - 3 Monday at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. W. B. Terrell
 - 4 Monday at 10:00 A.M. Mrs. J. D. Schmidt
 - 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. G. W. Simpson
 - 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. C. E. Barnes

THE TEMPLE TALK is presented today by Dr. Philip Mann in preparation for the Every Member Canvass on November 19. Please see the Announcement Boards in the Narthex and Hunter Room for further details.

BOARD OF DEACONS meet tonight at 7:30 P.M.

ALL CHOIRS rehearse at their regular time this week.



I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 5, 1967

John 10:22-30

Christ's deeds fully express God's care and intention for us. This is the meaning of the phrase "I and my Father are one." This is also the meaning of the ancient symbol of the fish. Early in their history, Christians let the letters of the Greek word for fish, shown on the cover, stand for the first letters of five other words: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. During persecution, they used the fish as a secret sign to identify themselves and to proclaim their confidence in God's saving and sustaining care in Jesus Christ. Receiving and sharing that care is still our life and our task today.

IN FATMA'S HOME, AN EMPTY BED

One night in far-away Turkey, eight-year-old Fatma died. Her medical record said it was from pneumonia following measles. This isn't too uncommon today, for malnutrition robs a child of his or her ability to survive complications from ordinary childhood diseases. Yet there were other factors, too.

Why did Fatma die? Was it lack of trained medical personnel? Or lack of transportation to a doctor? Or lack of money to pay for medicine? No. Fatma's father was able to bring her to the mission clinic at Talas. And he could pay for the examination and for the prescribed medicine. Fatma had been sent home and all seemed to be going well. But Fatma didn't receive the medicine regularly as prescribed. Her father didn't know how to read the instructions. Moreover, he didn't understand the relationship between taking medicine and getting well—a relationship which we take for granted. Today, instead of an empty medicine bottle in Fatma's home, there is an empty bed.

What can be done? Through Our Christian World Mission we enable the United Church Board for World Ministries to maintain literacy and

public health education in many parts of Turkey.



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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

November 12, 1967

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" - Karg Elert
Mrs. Al Hassell, Guest Organist

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
"Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet" - Cowper

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Let joy rise in our hearts and praise from our lips, O Lord, to worship thee.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

UNISON READING 130, p. 546

Romans 8

ANTHEM "The Brotherhood of Man" - Chenoweth

Our Father thy dear Name doth show the greatness of thy love; all are thy children here below as in thy heaven above. One family on earth are we throughout it's widest span; O help us everywhere to see the brotherhood of man.

Of many races, tongues and creeds Thy sons, O God, may be; but one we are in human needs and one in need of thee.

One Spirit moves within the soul in every age and land; one common lot, one common goal,

The brotherhood of man...

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "O Lord, Incline Thine Ear to Us"

TEMPLE TALK

D. Marsh McLelland

Hymn 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:13-31

SERMON

Call to Witness

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Improvisation on a Plain Song
in Second Tone" - VanHulse
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
BENEDICTION and Choral Response "Nunc Dimittis"
POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" - Whitford

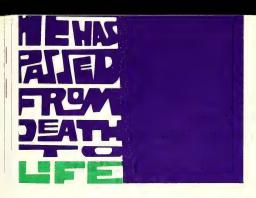
*Congregation Standing

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME each of you as you come to worship with us this morning. We would ask that our visitors please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wells and in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Phelps.

THE TEMPLE TALK is presented today by Mr. Marsh McLelland, chairman of our Every Member Canvass, which will be held next Sunday, November 19.

A DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Southern Conference, for Primary, Lower Junior and Junior Church School teachers and pupils will be held Nov. 17-19, with the Beverly Hills, St. Mark's and Elon College Community Churches participating.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Stewardship Sunday

November 12, 1967

John 5:19-29

The time is now! This is one important emphasis in John's Gospel. The potential movement from death to life is not simply a future hope. Already now, one either enters or refuses to enter into that true life which the Father gives us in his Son. To enter that life is not simply an inner thought or feeling. It is letting Christ motivate and direct our deeds, that our living and our giving may not be like a barren tree, but like one laden with the fruitful and joyous generosity with which he comes to us. Stewardship Sunday is one opportunity to reflect his generosity and new life in us.

A NEED FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

Stewardship Sunday is a time when many congregations enlist the support of their members for the year ahead. It is a time when churches face up to needs in the local parish and in the world beyond.

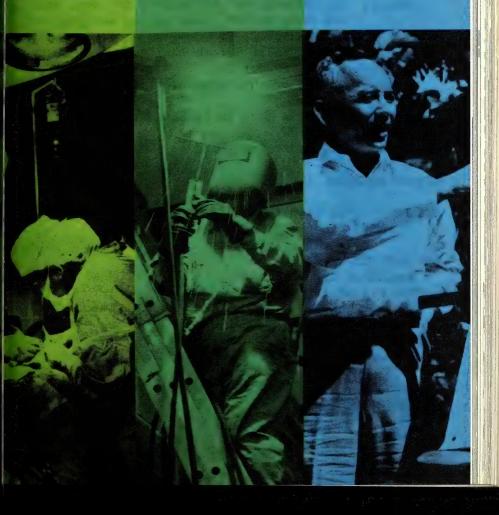
Among the goals for congregations of the United Church of Christ is Our Christian World Mission—the work our churches do together through the conference and the national instrumentalities. On the cutting-edge of our wider mission are certain targets which can be undertaken only if giving to national OCWM Basic Support in 1968 surpasses the level of giving in this current year:

- Rebuilding hospitals in the Philippines and Turkey.
- Self-help opportunities for farm workers and urban unemployed.
- Scholarships for leaders of developing countries.
- Strengthening the ministry in areas of the South.
- Publishing of research on ethical decision-making.

These five top targets for 1968 challenge us to greater giving to Our Christian World Mission—as individuals and as congregations—beyond what we have ever done before.



EVERYONE WHO HAS WILL MORE BE GIVEN



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

November 19, 1967 Loyalty Sunday 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "We Praise Thee, O God" - Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come let us worship and bow down;

People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker;

Pastor: For He is our God; People: And we are his people.

*CHORAL INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

UNISON READING 118, p. 542

Isaiah 40

ANTHEM "We Plow the Fields" Junior Choir
Miss Diane Clendenin, Director

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

Moment of Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response "O Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

THE OFFERING

Anthem "God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea"
(Frackenpohl)
Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Prayer of Dedication

RIPTURE

II Corinthians 8, 10 (excerpts from Good News)

RMON

The Powers at Work

OMMISSIONING OF THE CANVASSERS

MN 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
"NEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

1)STLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads" -Bingham

*Congregation Standing

GOD by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt and in memory of Mrs. Alice Brehle, mother of Mrs. Schmidt.

LUNCHEON for the Canvassers will be held in the Parish House today at 1:00 p.m. The Canvassers will visit in our homes from 2-4:30 p.m., and we ask that you please be at home to receive them.

JOINT REHEARSAL will be held in this sanctuary
Monday at 7:30 in preparation for the Thanksgiving
Day service here on Thursday morning. All senior
choir members should try to attend this rehearsal,
along with choirs from the participating churches.

HE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will be in our church Thanksgiving morning at 10:00 o'clock. Mr. Oscar Fowler, pastor of Berea United Church of Christ, will be the guest speaker.

FFERING ENVELOPES for the Elon Home for Children have been placed in the card-holders of each pew. Your gifts can be placed in the offering plates today, next Sunday, or you may being them to the service on Thanksgiving Day.

E EXPRESS our sympathy to Miss Melva Foster upon the death of her mother this week in Asheboro, N. C.

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS WILL MORE BE GIVEN

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

November 19, 1967

Luke 19:11-27

Early Christians experienced disappointment in their expectation of the near-end of history. It did not happen! But they turned this problem into a power for using a continuing history to spread the "good news" and to lead lives useful to the world's good. This is the setting for our understanding of the phrase "to everyone who has will more be given.' As servants of Christ, the disciples were to use their varied gifts. When used, the gifts were enhanced; when not used, they atrophied. On this Forefathers Sunday, to use our gifts to bring help and healing to the present is the best way for us to honor our heritage from the past.

A BRIGHT, NEW DAY IN KANE

Like many long established communities across the United States, Kane, Pennsylvania, (population 5,380) has more churches than it really needs. Last year there were 28 of them. But this year the number has been decreased. A little more than a year ago the pulpit of the United Church became vacant and the congregation, anxious to continue ministering to its members, developed a plan for sharing the services of the pastor of a nearby Presbyterian Church. This in turn led to joint worship and the sudden realization of a common ministry to the community.

The experiences gained in this shared ministry brought such an understanding of cooperation and community concern that last winter the people of both congregations welcomed the recommendation of a joint study committee that they unite. When the matter came to a vote in February, the vote was unanimous. They agreed to dissolve their existing congregational relationships and create a new congregation to be affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and they decided to use the existing UCC building as their house of worship.

The creation of the new First United Church of Kane was caused, not by pressures of declining membership nor by financial failure, but by a single-minded intensity of concern for the mission of the church. It is an on-going concern of Our Christian World Mission that congregations, such as that at Kane, structure themselves for mission to their com-

munities in this new age.



LET YOUR LAMPS BE BURNING

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

November 26, 1967

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Scottish Hymn-Tune"

- Groves

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in

his sanctuary.

People: Praise him according to his excellent

greatness

Unison: Let everything that breathes praise

the Lord.

*CHORAL INTROIT "O Come, Let Us Worship"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

RESPONSIVE READING 78, p. 522 Psalms 42,43

* Gloria Patri

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14: 16-24

ANTHEM "Thanks Be to Thee"

- Handel

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Moments for Personal Prayers
Pastor's Prayer
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Antiphon III"

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 225 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

SERMON After the Banquet

*HYMN 370 "He Leadeth Me"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Toccata"

-Bender

*Congregation Standing

TONITE:

6:30 Youth Meeting for all our young people, grades 9-12 in Parish House

7:30 Study Planning Committee Hunter Room

Tuesday 8:00 Christian Education Committee

Those who wish to be received as new members of our congregation are asked to consult the Pastor. The class will meet next Sunday at 9:45 in the Pastor's Study.

WE UNITE in an expression of Christian Sympathy to:

Mrs. Ruth Rogers and family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Wicker, on November 19, 1967;

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook and family upon the death of their grandson, Martin Cade Covington, Jr., on November 18, 1967.

WE EXTEND our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. H. J. Pritchett who celebrated her 97th birthday on November 25, 1967.



SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

November 26, 1967

Luke 12:35-43

As Christians, we are not called to be an "in-group," closed in by walls which keep the world out, but a community built with an open door to let an inviting light shine out upon the world's life. For Christians, there is never a time for darkened lamps. The Christian life is always lived "full-time." The Christ who shall come at an unknown end of history is the Christ who comes to us now at unexpected times and in unexpected places. He comes to feed us, the lamp-bearers, in order that the open and lighted door of his house may beckon others to a food we have to share.

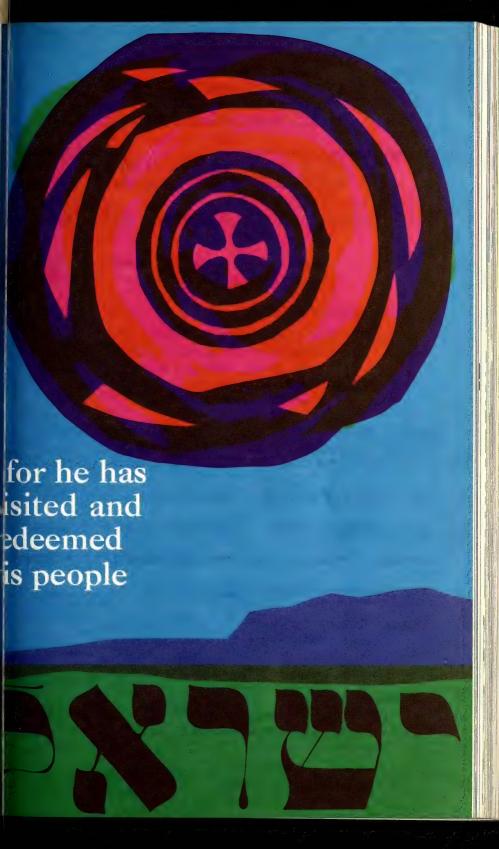
A BRIDGE TO ENGAGEMENT

From Lake Forest to Indiana Harbor, from Michigan Avenue to Western Springs, small groups of business and professional men met this past year to examine their responsibilities toward society, toward its many organizations, and toward themselves. They sought to define their personal values, to compare these values to the practical demands of the organization, and to wrestle with the inevitable dilemmas that arise when personal and "practical" ethics conflict. These groups met under the sponsorship of the Chicago Business Industrial Project.

CBIP is an association of men and women from business, labor, government, education, and religion. The Project was founded in 1963 as a program affiliate of the Chicago City Missionary Society, now the Community Renewal Society, long supported by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries through Our Christian World Mission.

As a bridge between individuals, CBIP provides a "seminar package" to a variety of civic and charitable associations, local trade associations, and church groups, where there is felt a need to discuss the problems of work in modern society. As a bridge between organizations, the staff and board members of the Chicago Business Industrial Project bring together groups of diverse viewpoints, in an atmosphere free of pressure and coercion, to achieve a common ground of understanding.

The Chicago Business Industrial Project is a good example of how the church, wide-awake to the realities of our age, can help make a difference and can begin to build much-needed bridges in our society.



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First Sunday in Advent - December 3, 1967 - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" - Buxtehude
"Come, Redeemer of Our Race" - Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

Born to set thy people free;

Born a child, and yet a king;

Born to reign in us forever;

Now thy gracious Kingdom bring.

*CHORAL INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION and the Lord's Prayer
*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

ANTHEM "Gloria" (from "Twelfth Mass") - Mozart

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:57-80

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Moments for Personal Prayers
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING
Offertory "Veni, Immanuel"
* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

- Barlow

HE ADVENT STORY

YMN 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

ERMON A Father Prepares His Son

YMN 228 "Love Divine" (stanza 1)
ENEDICTION and Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"
OSTLUDE "O Thou of God, the Father" - Bach

*Congregation Standing

CODAY: 4:00 P.M. Handel's 'Messiah', Whitley Aud.

6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting, Parish House

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons, Hunter Room

SERVING TODAY:

Liturgist: Dr. W. T. Scott

Acolytes: Ricky Uzzell and John MacDonald
Greeters: Dr. Philip Mann and Mr. Dewey Holt
Nursery: Mrs. John Gerlach; Mrs. M.McLelland

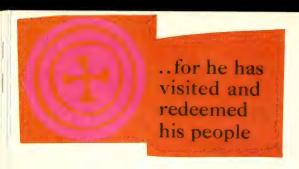
ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock by the family.

NEW MEMBERS will be received into our church next Sunday. Interested persons should consult the pastor today.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLES will not meet this week but will meet in general session on Monday, December 11, 8:00 P.M., in this sanctuary.

THIS CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy upon the death of Mrs. Ida Murray on November 30, 1967.

PLEDGES for 1968 for the financial program of our church are still being received. All pledge cards should be in the church office this week - for final totals.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 1967

Luke 1:68-79

Pope Pius XI once said that spiritually we all are Semites. The Hebrew letters on the cover which spell "Israel" symbolize this Semitic heritage. Israel's history is our history, and whenever we forget this we jeopardize the Christian faith itself. Witness Nazi Germany. Throughout its history, Israel celebrated the redeeming presence of God. Luke celebrates the birth of John the Baptist, the Preparer-of-the-Way for God's climactic, liberating deed in raising up a savior for us in the house of his servant David. The cross then affirms that this deed of God, and his love, is for all mankind.

WHEREVER NEED CALLS

Imagine more than 5,000 persons, many living in huts of adobe clay or of old packing cases, their only water supply a fifty-gallon oil drum near the back door. In the entire area there are only two small churches, one Roman Catholic, the other conservative Protestant, neither of which offers much more than weekly worship.

No, this is not somewhere far away. It is within sight of the beautiful city of El Paso, Texas, just across the Rio Grande in Old Mexico, out-

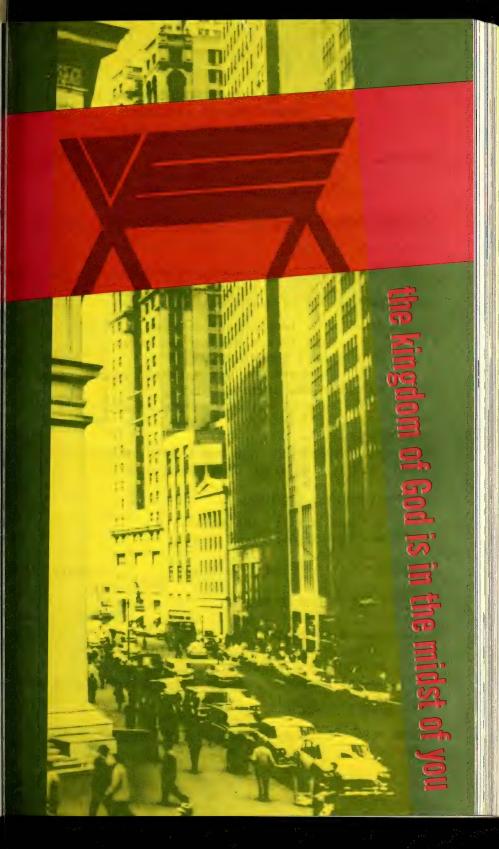
side the city of Juarez.

The Rev. Enrique Herrera, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, El Paso, one of five Spanish-speaking congregations in the UCC, describes these people across the border, the dark-eyed children playing in the streets, the old men squatting on their haunches in the dust talking of better days, the restless teenagers talking on the street corners.

Go through the outskirts of any small town or a few blocks from the heart of the nearest city and you can see for yourself the evidence of

poverty and disorganization.

In nearly every community across the land one can find similar cases of need—jobs to be done which only await the concern of some layman or pastor. Sometimes local congregations undertake these tasks alone. Often, however, they enlist the help of conference staff, or that of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, help which is made possible through Our Christian World Mission.



United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

Second Sunday in Advent - December 10, 1967 - 11:00 A.1

PRELUDE "Hail to the Lord's Annointed" - Van Huls

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
Hope of all the earth,
thou art our strength and consolation.
By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts today.

*THE DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9
New Testament: Luke 3:3-6; 10-22

ANTHEM "Christ is Born" Primary Choir

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Moments for Personal Prayers
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "O Lord, be gracious unto us"

THE ADVENT STORY

HYMN 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

THE OFFERING

Anthem "The Heavens are Telling" - Haydn
Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Unison Prayer:

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought, Bless thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the thought, The rest, O God, is in thy hands. Amen.

SERMON The High Calling of Introducing the Speaker

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (stanza 1)
*BENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"
*POSTLUDE "Jubilate Deo" - Couperin

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mrs. Janet Loy Faulkner by the family.

NEW MEMBERS received today are Dr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Duvall, Mrs. Robert Barham and Mrs. Charles Wood, by letter of transfer; Robert Barham by Profession of Faith; Captain Charles Wood by Re-profession of Faith; Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and Jon White as associate members. We are happy to have each of these join our church family.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today: 6:30 P.M. Youth Meeting, Parish House.
All those interested in caroling on
Dec. 23, please attend this meeting.

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee

Monday: 8:00 P.M. Women's Meeting, Sanctuary.
Bring white gifts for needy families.

Tuesday: 3:30 P.M. Primary Choir Wednesday: 3:30 P.M. Junior Choir

(No Senior Choir Rehearsal this week.)

in the midst of you

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Universal Bible Sunday

December 10, 1967

Luke 17:20-30

The crib and Wall Street. An animal's feed box and the world's greatest financial center. Can any two things seem further apart? The one so humble, the other so great. But the symbol of the crib belongs in the midst of Wall Street—and every street—for Christ does not come to some soft and cuddly world. He comes to the world of hard realities. The scriptures point to God who works his saving purpose through Christ in the midst and in behalf of the everyday world.

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

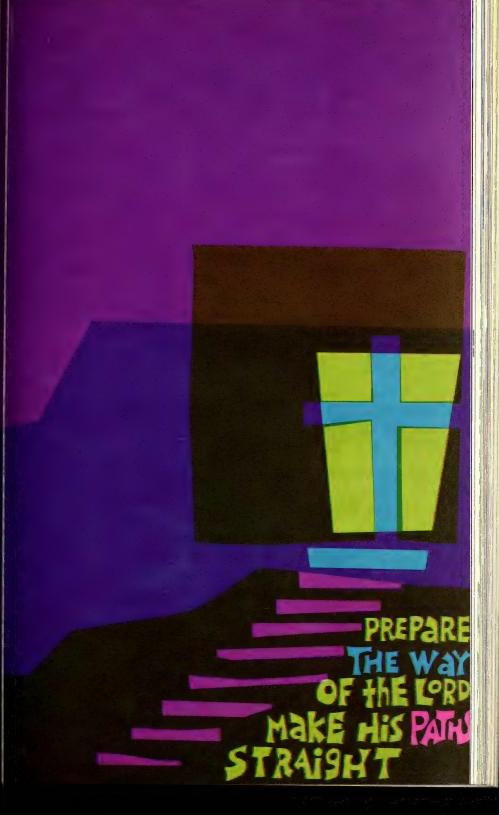
Seven years ago, two Negro farm workers appeared at the regular meeting of the City Council in a small western town. One stood up and asked politely, "Mr. Mayor, sir, we are here to ask if some of us who live outside of the city could buy some water." This humble hat-in-hand approach paid off. Within a few months, the city installed a stand pipe and began to sell water to those who lived outside of town.

But nobody seemed to care that many of these families still had to haul drinking water to their homes; or that most had no bathing facilities

or that more than half had only primitive sanitary facilities.

Nobody seemed to care until the director of the state-wide Migrant Ministry supported by the United Church of Christ Conference as part of Our Christian World Mission, challenged the members of one local church to get involved. Soon thereafter, a community center was created and a full-time director hired. The main effort was to help these people help themselves through a community organization.

Last year, the same man who had quietly begged the city fathers for water came again. But this time he came as a board member of the newly-formed Community Services District to sit at the council table and advise how his group could assist the city in better serving the needs of his people. And this time he had an engineer's recommendation, feasability studies, legal counsel, signed petitions, approved boundaries, and filed federal loan applications. Thus do we enable responsible action in improving life for minority groups in many areas.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

Third Sunday in Advent - December 17, 1967 - 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" - Zachau
"Grand Jeu on a Noel" - Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
Love incarnate comes to men
in a Man of Galilee;
Our Hope, our Trust, our Love
are now poured out to Thee.

*THE DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE READING OF THE WORD
Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

New Testament: Mark 1:1-15

ANTHEM "What Child is This" Junior Choir
"Wind through the Olive Trees"
Miss Diane Clendenin, Director

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Moments for Personal Prayers
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE ADVENT STORY
*HYMN 488 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

THE OFFERING

Solo "He Shall Feed His Flock" - Handel
Miss Winifred Barney, Soloist

Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Unison Prayer:

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought, Bless thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the thought, The rest, O God, is in thy hands. Amen.

SERMON The Message of the Speaker

*HYMN 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*BENEDICTION and Response "Let us depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Toccata" - Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by the Willard White family and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield and S/Sgt. J. C. Toney, parents and brother of Mrs. White.

SERVING TODAY:

Liturgist: Dr. S. M. Duvall

Greeters: A. L. Hook and W. C. Perry, Jr.

Nursery: Mrs. Dee Atkinson; Mrs. Leroy Hughes

A TABLE has been placed in the narthex for Christmas Cheer gifts for needy families in our community. Please have your gifts at the church by Dec. 20, when boxes will be prepared by our ladies.

CHRISTMAS FUND offerings for our retired ministers will be received today and next Sunday. Envelopes are in the pew racks for your gifts.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL is Steve Hughes, who is recovering from injuries sustained in an accident.

DON'T FORGET - FAMILY NICHT - tonight at 6:30 P.M.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 17, 1967

Matthew 3:1-11

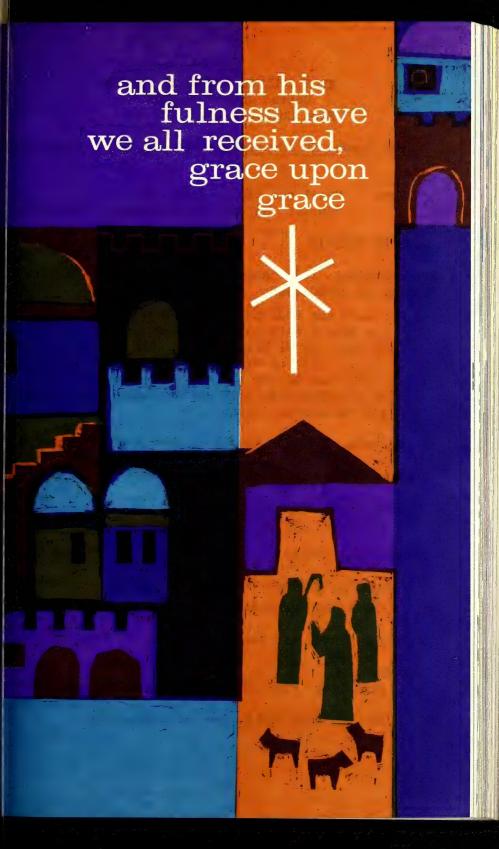
The Lord's way is straight uphill and it leads to a cross. To prepare a way for him in today's world is to stop trying to make him fit into our so often side-tracked lives, and to let him build in us that path which fits his unselfish love for the world. The cross at the end is a door that opens for us a new loyalty to that needy humanity for which he came and to which he comes. The one whose way we would prepare already has prepared for us the way to a life without detours as his "servants in the service of men."

SHELTER FOR THE WORLD

When Edward P. Bullard IV was serving under the United Church Board for World Ministries as manager of hospital at Adidome, Ghana, he noted a pressing need for an inexpensive roofing material. With perhaps a billion people around the world now living under grass thatch roofs that leak, rot, harbor rodents and other vermin, and create serious health problems and fire hazards, he reasoned, there ought to be something better. But substitute materials currently available cost between 15 and 25 cents per square foot, a prohibitive sum for people whose income may be only \$100 a year.

Therefore, upon his return to Bridgeport, Connecticut, Mr. Bullard began his experiments in "bucket chemistry." With help from the Service Division of the United Church Board for World Ministries and cooperation from the University of Bridgeport and from Fairfield University, he has developed a material which looks something like mottled white marble and which will weather to a golden hue in approximately four years. The material which utilizes local sand, hay, reeds, or twigs together with a polyurethane foam is resistant to rot and fire. Best of all the cost is only about 6 cents a square foot.

Recently, the United Church Board for World Ministries and several other organizations joined Mr. Bullard in creating a non-profit corporation—Shelter For the World, Inc.—to develop this low-cost building material. The next phase calls for construction of five prototype houses, probably in Jamaica, and further testing and cost reduction efforts.



Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 24, 1967 - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Hail the Day so Rich in Cheer"
"Christ the Lord to Us is Born" -Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O Lord our God, most merciful and mighty, fill our hearts with joy and our tongues with praise as this day we keep the festival of our Savior's birth. Stir up within us the precious gift of faith that he may be born anew in us and that we may therefore give our evidence of personal joy and peace. Amen.

Choral Introit "Glory to God in the Highest"

UNISON READING 127 "The Benedictus" p. 545

VISION OF THE SHEPHERDS

(from For the Time Being by W. H. Auden)

A CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

Senior Choir

THE CHILDREN'S STORY "Merry Christmas the World Over"

* Carol 127 "Christians, Awake"

PASTORAL PRAYER and Response "Hear our Prayer"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
- Pachelbel

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

We Have Received

*HYMN 130 "Joy to the World"

*BENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

*CHIMES AND POSTLUDE "God Be Praised" - Willan

*Congregation Standing

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the family.

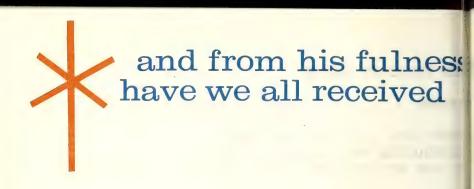
WE ARE GRATEFUL to those who have placed poinsettias in the sanctuary today.

church Offering Envelopes for 1968 have been placed on a table in the narthex. Please get yours as you leave the sanctuary today.

WE HOPE you will come and share in the Candle-light Service at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY our Guest Minister will be Dr. John Truitt with Dr. J. E. Danieley serving as liturgist. Our Pastor will be out of town during the week but may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or Dr. Danieley (584-7210).

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
W. J. Updyke, A. M. Gminder, Liturgists
Jack O. White, Director of Music
Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist
G. D. Colclough, W. G. White, Greeters
Mark Danieley, Reggie White, Acolytes



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 24, 1967

John 1:15-18

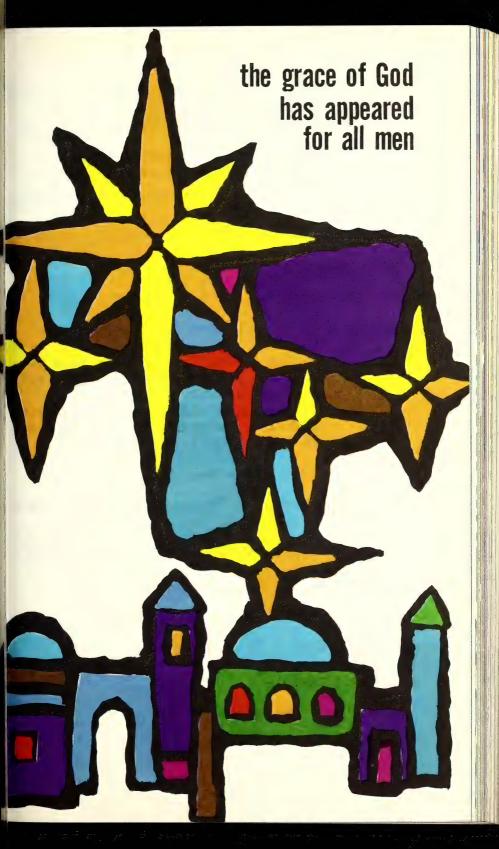
Grace is one of the great words of the Christian faith, yet often we let it caress us rather than bite into our hardened lives. Grace is the word for God's gift that breaks through the crust of our self-made, adult security with the wonder and joy of a child in a manger. It is the gift after gift of his love that can save us from ourselves, put a song in our hearts and enable us to join the shepherds with lips and lives that praise God in the fields and in the cities of our daily existence.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, KIDS . . .

These bold, black words, prominently displayed above a picture of a rat, startled and jarred many readers of a metropolitan newspaper a year ago. The advertisement, published just before Christmas, struck out courageously and forcefully to urge the raising of low levels of state public assistance. For many children, the ad implied, Christmas could be measured in rats rather than in gifts.

While pockets of poverty exist in every major city—and in many rural areas of our nation—even minimum levels of subsistence here are often far above those in many famine-ridden areas of the world. This Christmas, many American families will throw away as garbage more food than some of these, the world's hungry, see in a week or in a month. Perhaps we must reexamine the effective meaning of our casual words of greeting: Merry Christmas, kids.

Your gifts toward Our Christian World Mission help make possible the participation of the United Church Board for World Ministries in cooperative efforts to solve the hunger problem abroad. And they help the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Council for Christian Social Action, and United Church Conferences participate in cooperative efforts to solve the poverty problem here at home.



Christmas Eve Candle-light Service December 24, 1967 - 7:30 P.M.

CAROL SINGING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*CHRISTMAS INTROIT "Glory to God in the Highest"

Pastor: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

People: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

CAROL 137 "Away in a Manger"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-3; Micah 5:2-4

ANTHEMS "Pat-a-pan" Primary and "The Friendly Beast" Junior Choirs

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-7

*CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:8-20

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Carol 141 "The First Nowell"

Good News of a Great Joy SERMON

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

(The candles will be lighted by the ushers during the singing of the following carol. They may be extinguished following the Benediction.)

*CAROL 138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (in unison)

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fulness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Grand Jeu on a Noel" - Van Hulse

*Congregation Standing

MAY THE

STAR OF CHRISTMAS

SHINE MORE RADIANTLY

NOW

THAN EVER BEFORE

WITH THE LIGHT OF

PEACE

ON EARTH



the grace of God has appeared for all men

CHRISTMAS

Joy to the World, the Lord is come—and the coming is healing an forgiveness and restoration. Its symbol is Light, light from a star, light down a way that was dark, light that cheers and warms every ma like the lights in the windows of home where the gifts of love are giver But what is the Gift? Reconciliation? Acceptance? These are fanc grown-up words, but this is the children's season and if we were to st down with the three-year-olds this Christmas in many of our churche we would see some lovely colorful pictures of a donkey gray and animal sleeping at night with hardly a sound, just heavy breathing, whispery slow, and the cooing of doves and a lamb that starts to bleat and a cove munching hay and the gray donkey watching them all. "That's how it was the first Christmas," we would be told. Then we would turn the page and the teacher would read:

"Do you know how it feels
To be held warm and tight
In somebody's arms
As you say good-night?
It feels loving and happy; everything's right.
That's how it was the first Christmas."

And that is the gift God offers. But what of its claim? And that is the human miracle Christmas celebrates, for we are free then to give as God gives—of ourselves—for love knows no other movement bu up and out; that is its disposition. And the child who is held warm and tight, a young child in his mother's arms or an old child in his Father's care, is set free at long last, to give himself.

"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

Browne Barr



a light for revelation to the Gentiles



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

December 31, 1967

11:00 A. M

PRELUDE "Come, Your Voices Raising" - Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Eternal God, as we stand at this year's ending, save us from all useless regrets for the past; save us from empty and idle dreams of the future; and help us to do that which lies in our hands in this moment, and unto thee be all the glory.

*THE GLORY PATRI

*HYMN 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

UNISON READING 122, page 543 of hymnal

ANTHEM "O God, I Offer Thanks to Thee" -Beethoven

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Psalm 84

New Testament: John 12:35-43

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"-Bach
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 143 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

SERMON What We Want Most

"HYMN 130 "Joy to the World"
"BENEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in Peace"
POSTLUDE "Fantasia" - Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Truitt and Mr. and Mrs. Brock D. Jones.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Dr. John G. Truitt and Dr. J. E. Danieley as they lead us in our worship today.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 1968 are placed in the narthex, and we hope you will get yours as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are also in the narthex, both personal and family booklets.

CIRCLE MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

- #1 Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. F. E. Reynolds
 - 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. Fred Emerson
 - 3 (Members will be called as to date)
 - 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Gladys Vickers
 - 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Λ. M. Primm

Circle 4 will meet January 7 at 10:00 A.M., with Mrs. Philip Marino.

CHOIR SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

The Primary and Juniors will not rehearse this week.

The Senior Choir will rehearse Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.



...a light

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 1967

Luke 2:25-32

The star as a Christian symbol takes various forms. This variety points to the many lands and to the different peoples that comprise the total Christian community. The light of Jesus Christ, symbolized by the star, pierces the darkness of our man-made barriers and opens to all of us the opportunity to share both the unity of our faith in the One Light, and the enriching diversity of our backgrounds and reflected witness to him. His star is ecumenical; it shines for the whole "inhabited world."

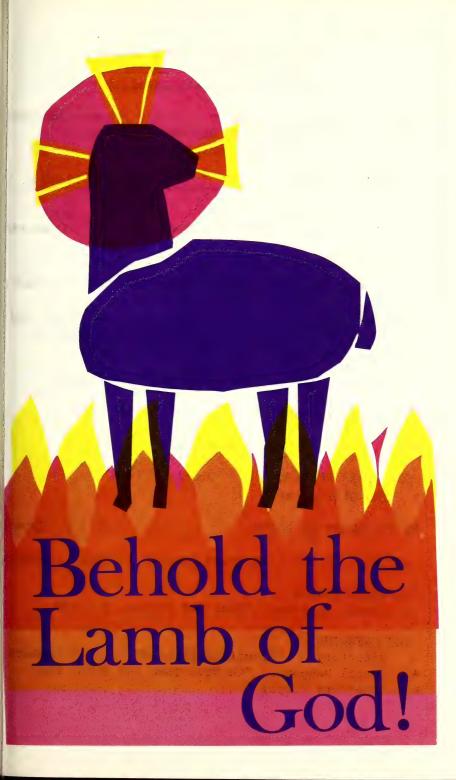
THERE'S HUNGER STILL

Hot sun beats down on cracked, parched earth. Grass yellows and withers. Lean, rib-marked cattle huddle against the white-bleached tree. Pot-bellied children, staring eyes open wide, sit listlessly in a doorway. Sari-wrapped women, brass jars on their heads, seek for the last remaining drops of water in a thirsty land. In India the very land itself cries out.

Listen, as the well casing hits the bottom of an empty shaft. Listen, as the drill spins round and round. Listen, as the bit digs into solid rock. Now, catch the change in the vibrations? The water comes full force as bit breaks through the shell. Water! The very sound of the word brings joy. Fingers moistened by the water reach up to touch parched lips.

An end. An end to slow, slow death. An end to drought. An end to crops once planted burning as soon as blade cracks through the soil. And a beginning, too. A beginning to new life and hope. A beginning for both man and beast. The sun seems not quite so hot.

And you with Christian compassion and concern have helped to make it so. "AFPRO" states the sign on the drilling rig—AFPRO—Action for Food Production—an organization of Roman Catholics and Protestants united to help their brethren in need. You are one of these who help, for you gave through the One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS offering and the special India Famine Appeal so that the United Church Board for World Ministries, working through inter-denominational Church World Service, could send this drilling rig to far-off Bihar State in India.



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January 7, 1968

11:00 A. M

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God"

- Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People: Today we come to proclaim the death and the life of the Lord Jesus, thankful

that God did so love the world.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy"

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-18

* The Gloria Patri

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

p. 512, Hymnal

ANTHEM "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - Glaser

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Beautiful Saviour" - Peeters

* Choral Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

Remember Me

HYMN 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh" (stanzas 1 and 2)

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison)
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

p. 495

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

*BENEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads" - Bingham

*Congregation Standing

- THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.
- THE WINTER BAND CONCERT of Elon College will be held today at 4:00 P.M. in Whitley Auditorium, under the direction of Professor Jack O. White.
- THE BOARD OF DEACONS and their wives will meet this evening at 7:30 P.M. at the parsonage.
- CIRCLE 3 will meet Tuesday, January 9 in the home of Mrs. Lucille Kluttz.
- A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS still have not picked up their 1968 offering envelopes. Please get yours from the table in the narthex if you have not done so already.
- CHESTER HUEY is a patient in Cone Hospital, Greensboro.

Behold the Lamb of God!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 7, 1968

John 1:35-42

The writer of John's Gospel applies the ancient symbol of the lamb to Jesus, not as an unwilling *victim* but as the sacrificial *victor*. It is not man who makes an offering to God to heal the rebellious distortion of human life. It is God, who in Christ triumphs over that distortion by willingly offering himself to us to make human life holy or whole. The word *sacrifice* means "to make holy" or to make whole. Jesus comes as the lamb whose presence "burns out" our old disloyalties and gives to us a new allegiance to the true king of the world's life.

BEGIN THE COLLOQUY

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

Thus the colloquy begins, the speaking together, the conversation. This month, Colloquy, a new magazine for church school teachers and administrators, parents and leaders in education everywhere, will replace two publications, Children's Religion and the Church School Worker. This new venture, like other Christian education resources in the United Church of Christ, is made possible through our support of Our Christian World Mission. Furthermore, in keeping with the policy of the United Church that whenever possible we unite our work with others, Colloquy will be produced jointly by the Christian Education divisions of the United Church of Christ and of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S. A. Be sure to let Colloquy speak to you. The time to begin is now!

We have found him...

Jesus of Nazareth,

the son of Joseph."



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January 14, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Lead Us, O Father" - Bingham Lighting the Candles

PRAISE TO GOD

Choral Introit "O come, let us worship" Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"

THE LIVING WORD

Psalter Reading 105 Psalm 136 Page 536

The Gloria Patri

John 1:35-51 New Testament

MOMENTS OF PRAYER

In Silence, for Christian Unity Pastoral Prayer Choral Response "O Lord, be gracious unto us"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome to all

The Junior Sermon

Anthem "Immortal, Invisible" - Thiman

Sermon Said the Canite to the Nazarene
Hymn 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory "Lord Jesus Christ With Us Abide"

The Doxology * - Barlow

* Prayer of Dedication

EPART TO SERVE

Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction

Choral Response "Threefold Amen"

Postlude "Toccata" - Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing

by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Boland and in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fuqua.

ETINGS TODAY:

6:30 P.M. Youth meeting for all Fellowship members in the Parish House

7:30 P.M. Women's Fellowship Membership Committee

7:30 P.M. Church Study-Planning Committee

at 7:00 P.M. next Sunday in the Parish House.

MBERS OF OUR CHURCH who are hospitalized are:

Mr. Chester Huey - Cone Memorial

Mrs. L. D. Martin -Alamance Memorial

Dr. W. T. Scott - Alamance Memorial

OIR SCHEDULES THIS WEEK:

Primary - Tuesday at 3:30 P. M.

Junior - Wednesday at 3:30 P. M.

Senior - Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

E CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 8:00 P. M.

FEW OF OUR MEMBERS still have offering envelopes for 1968 on the table in the narthex.

EETERS TODAY: J. B. Long and Howard Loy



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 14, 196

John 1:43-5

John's Gospel points to Jesus Christ as the center of everyman's search for the true meaning of human life. He it is who can give our lives their right direction and lead us to unity in him. The closer we move toward his love for us, the closer we move toward a love for one another. But he does not wait for us to "search" for him. He comes to us and calls "Follow me." Only by entering into his call and moving at his direction do we become convinced that he is the true center of our daily life.

EVIDENCE OF GROWING UNITY

Protestants, Orthodox, and Roman Catholics join this coming weel in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is, "To the Praise of His Glory." Members of the United Church of Christ can point to increasing evidence of local cooperation and understanding in many places and in many ways:

• A number of United Church of Christ seminaries are exchanging professors with neighboring Roman Catholic institutions.

 Three UCC leaders recently served as consultants at the Vaticar to the first International Congress on Spiritual Values of Tourism

 The UCC through Church World Service cooperated with the Catholic Relief Services and Lutheran World Relief in sponsoring three shipments of grain to help relieve famine in India.

 Local cooperation of UCC and Roman Catholic clergy and laity in a Night Watch program in Saginaw, Michigan, a school for the retarded in Great Bend, Kansas, and a School of Religion in Twinsburg, Ohio.

In a sermon delivered recently in the United Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo, California, Roman Catholic Father Joseph Stieger stressed that church unity should not be left to scholars and theologians but must be a concern of all churchmen. In speaking of what "grass roots" Christians can do he called for prayers for unity. We can unite our voice in prayer with Christ, he said, asking that we may all be one.

NHOEVER drinks THE WATER at I shall VE Him Will VER THIRST

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

January 21, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Chorale"
Lighting the Candles

- Pachelbel

PRAISE TO GOD

Choral Introit "God be in my Head, and in my understanding"
Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD

Psalter Reading 106 Psalm 139 Page 537

* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Mark 8:22-26, 10:46-52

MOMENTS OF PRAYER

In Silence, for those who labor against the tide of poverty.

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response "O Lord, Incline Thine Ear"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome to all The Junior Sermon

Anthem "Our God is One God" - Angell

Sermon "Focusing Here and There"
Hymn 376 "Lead Us, O Father"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory "O That I Had a Thousand Voices"

* The Doxology - Reger

* Prayer of Dedication

DEPART TO SERVE

- Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (stanzas 1 and 2)
 - Benediction
- Choral Response "Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant Depart in Peace"
 - Postlude "Maestoso" Stanley

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF 30D by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Huey and in memory of 1r. and Mrs. C. E. Huey, parents of Mr. Huey.

TODAY: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is this evening at 7:00 P. M. in the Parish House. Each of the standing committees will meet briefly to elect chairmen. Do come.

The Senior Youth Fellowship will not meet this evening. The young people are collecting furnishings for the Youth Center. Next Sunday evening is "Paint-Night".

CHOIR SCHEDULES THIS WEEK:

Primary - Tuesday at 3:30 P. M.

Junior - Wednesday at 3:30 P. M.

Senior - Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY: The Burlington Area Churchmen's

Fellowship meets at 7:00 P. M. for dinner.

Please tell Mr. Hassell today if you can
attend in order that our reservations may
be forwarded by Tuesday.

HOSPITALIZED: Chester Huey at Cone Memorial Mrs. L. D. Martin at Alamance Mem.

...WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 1968

John 4:5-14

Water is a universal symbol for life. Without it all physical life would soon perish. It is a symbol also for God's gift to us of a true and fully satisfying life, and John's Gospel points to that gift as reaching its climax in Jesus Christ. He it is who not only gives water to assuage our deepest thirst but who also, as the cover suggests, "pilots" us through the waters of life and lets that life "well up" as a witness to him whose love seeks to meet a world thirsty for a life that satisfies.

AN ECONOMIC APPROACH TO POVERTY

"The poverty problem is not just a Negro problem; it's an American problem. There can be no solution which does not benefit all Americans." Thus, members of the United States Congress have in recent months spoken of a dramatic new proposal to eradicate poverty from our land.

The "Freedom Budget," first proposed by the John Phillip Randolph Institute, is one way in which our nation could build upon the continuing rise in the nation's economy. As measured by the Gross National Product, the nation's economy will rise to about \$1,120 billion by 1975. By prudent planning and the use of a fraction of the \$200 billion increase, decently paying jobs could be available for everyone willing and able to work.

Because the proposal is essentially conservative—no doles, no skimping on national defense, no tampering with private supply and demand, just enlightened self-interest—the Freedom Budget has drawn interested reaction from many varied segments of our society.

As a result of a national consultation sponsored by our Council for Christian Social Action, and subsequent commendation by our General Synod, congregations and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ are encouraged to support more effective anti-poverty programs; full participation of the poor in all programs affecting them; humane and adequate policies in public welfare and social insurance programs; and development of programs to hasten economic growth and maximize employment.

eyes and see ow the fields are already white for harvest



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

January 28, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Prayer and Chorale" - VanHulse
Lighting the Candles

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship

Introit "God be in my Head, and in my understanding"

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Our Heavenly Father, may your name be honored;
May your kingdom come, and your will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Forgive us what we owe to you, as we have
also forgiven those who owe anything to us.
Keep us clear of temptation, and save us

from evil. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13, Phillips)

* Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE LIVING WORD

The Statement of Faith

* The Gloria Patri
New Testament I Timothy 3

MOMENTS OF PRAYER

In Silence, for those who minister, the laity of God

Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response "O Lord, Incline Thine Ear"

HE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome to all

The Junior Sermon

Anthem "The Brotherhood of Man" - Chenoweth

Sermon "Marks of Christian Leadership"

Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"

ONSECRATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Offertory "Chorale" - VanHulse

Prayer of Dedication

EPART TO SERVE

Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Benediction

Choral Response "Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy

Servant Depart in Peace"

Postlude "Largo" - Bender

*Congragation Standing

HIS CONGREGATION elected Howard Edgerton, William Pendergrass and Howard Richardson to the Board of Deacons on January 21, 1968. Mr. Edgerton has been ordained to this office previously. We are privileged today to celebrate the ordination of Mr. Pendergrass and Mr. Richardson.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacDonald and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacDonald, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Copeland.

ODAY: 6:00 P.M. All 9th and 10th Graders will meet in the Hunter Room with Rev. Rinker.

6:30 P.M. Elon Youth (9-12 Graders) will be working in the Youth Center.

the fields are already white for harvest

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 1968

John 4:31-42

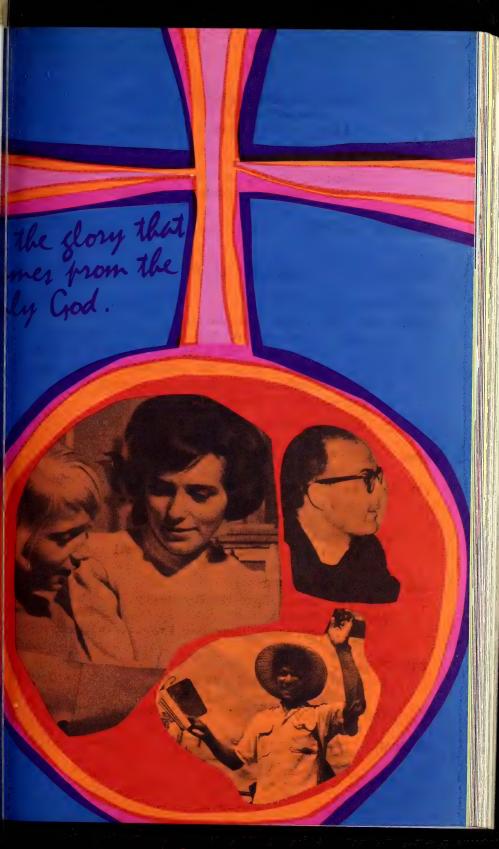
Christian youth are not objects of the church's ministry but participants in it. In a world whose average age is becoming increasingly younger, it will be the word and deed of youth to youth that often will make the really convincing witness to God's healing love in Christ. The world is "ripe" for those who with vigor and enthusiasm and revolutionary spirit can let the spirit of Christ break the barriers that divide men and lead us all, whatever our age, to a convincing ministry of turning right side up a world that is often upside down.

IT'S HAPPENING IN ARIZONA

Two years ago the youth program of the Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix was going along successfully and on an even keel. Then something happened! A new group of officers went off to a summer leadership conference. There, one of the national Youth Ministry Staff of our Division of Christian Education whom they met there began asking questions. Why did they think their group existed in the first place? What were they really accomplishing?

Suddenly, the young people realized that they'd been operating their "successful" program without really asking any of the basic questions. They decided to work in five areas: in a coffee house ministry to youth, a ministry with the aged, a ministry with migrants, a ministry with the urban poor, and a ministry with the mentally ill. They recruited anyone willing to help and they determined themselves to spend about three hours each week working in one of the five "task forces" they formed to carry out these ministries.

The Church of the Beatitudes no longer tries to minister to its youth through a regular planned "program" every Sunday night. Rather it is the growing conviction of this congregation that God's action in the world, and the church's mission to proclaim that action, will be realized as they respond together to the call of persons in need. Through Our Christian World Mission, young people across the country are being challenged to become an active part of this mission.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

February 4, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"O God and Lord"

- Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

We thank thee, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have revealed your Son to us. We believe in him and would offer our worship in his name. Unite us now in the prayer which he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE

* The Gloria Patri

Luke 9:28-36

THE SACRAMENT OF EAPTISM
The Apostles' Creed, p. 511, hymnal

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

Anthem "Grant Unto Me Thy Mercy, O Father"

Pastoral Prayer - Saint-Saens
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Solo "Teach Me to Pray" - Jewitt
Robert Gwaltney, Baritone

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON It's Good to Be Here

HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Benediction

Choral Response

"Threefold Amen"

Postlude

"We Praise Thee" -Buxtehude

*Congregation Standing

ESPECIALLY WE greet the members of the Phi Kappa Tau Sorority and the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity of Elon College.

WE RECEIVE by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
George Dwight Colclough, son of Mr. and Mrs.
George W. Colclough. Sponsors are Miss Kathy
Collins and Mr. Cecil Johnson.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mrs. R. S. Shomaker and in memory of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Mitchell.

IRCLES MEET THIS WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- #1 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Jack White
 - 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. George Colclough
 - 3 Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Cary Matlock
 - 4 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. K. K. Hughes
 - 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Worden Updyke
 - 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Miss Edith Brannock

THE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) will review several oneact dramas at their meeting this evening at 6:30.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE dinner will be Saturday, Feb. 10, 6:30 P.M., in McEwen Dining Hall.

... the glory that comes from the only God.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Church Vocations Sunday

February 4, 1968

John 5:39-47

The cover symbol—the cross over the globe—proclaims Christ as the Lord of the world. This Lordship, as well as the glory and presence of God's power in Christ, is what we make known through our various occupations. Among these are such specific church occupations as teaching, preaching, and counseling that seek to share in equipping the whole church for its total ministry in the world's life. Like the work of all Christians, such occupations do not seek to glorify themselves but to make known Christ's life-giving presence.

"I'D LIKE TO HELP, BUT WHERE?"

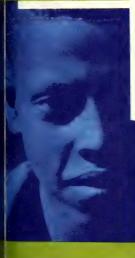
The church needs full-time professionally trained workers in many fields. Indeed, the church may need you. Are you a teacher? Perhaps you should be teaching art in Turkey, communications in Honduras, chemistry in Zambia, or English in Japan. Or perhaps you should be specializing in Christian education right here in the USA.

Do you, perhaps after some years in a lay occupation, feel increasingly impelled toward the ordained ministry? If so, you should know that some seminaries have programs designed especially for persons who come to such a decision later in life. Or are you an ordained minister already? In addition to church openings in all parts of the country, you are needed in Japan, Micronesia, and the Phillipines.

Are you a medical doctor? A practice is waiting in South Africa. A nurse? You are needed in Honduras, Ghana, India, or Turkey, as well as in our twelve church-related hospitals in this country. Are you an agriculturalist or a community development expert, a librarian, secretary or social worker? The church can use your help.

To learn more about these opportunities, ask your pastor or write the Church Vocations Office of the Council for Church and Ministry, the Personnel Department of the United Church Board for World Ministries and the Personnel Services Office of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Do it today. The needs are great.





...ONE THING IS NEEDFUL



United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

February 11, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" - Bach
Mrs. Al Hassell, Guest Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Bound together in many ways, but especially in our common need of thee, O God, we are gathered here for worship. Grant us the experience of thy holy presence we ask, praying as thy Son

The Lord's Prayer

taught us:

*HYMN 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 9:23, 24
Luke 10:38-42

ANTHEM "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" - Mueller

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response "Hear us, O Lord"

THE CHILDREN'S STORY

* Hymn 385 "Stand Up for Jesus"

THE OFFERING
Offertory "Andante sostenuto" - Schroeder
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Sisters by the Same Parents

HYMN 295 "Christ for the World We Sing"

Benediction
Choral Response "Lord, let us now depart in peace"
Postlude "Poco vivace"

(VI from Kleine Praludien and

(VI from Kleine Praludien and Intermezzi) - Schroeder

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the GLORY OF GOD by Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder and in memory of Mr. C. M. Mann, father of Mrs. Snyder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for TODAY:

The Southern Conference Youth Board Commissioners have been meeting here yesterday and today. We are happy to have them worship with us today.

Ninth and tenth graders who plan to participate in the Confirmation Retreat will meet this evening at 6:00 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

Elon Youth (9-12 grades) meet at 6:30 P.M. to continue their discussion of one act dramas. Refreshments will be served.

A Concert by the Catawba College Choir will be presented at 8:00 P.M. in Whitley Auditorium.

THURSDAY of this week the Men's Fellowship will have a dinner meeting in the Parish House at 6:30 P.M. Reservations are due to Mr. Hassell by Tuesday.

JUNIOR CHURCH will begin next Sunday. Four and five year olds will meet downstairs at 10:50 A.M. First and second graders will be dismissed to go downstairs about 11:30 A.M.

...ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

SEPTUAGESIMA Race Relations Sunday February 11, 1968

Luke 10:38-42

We need not only to serve Christ but to learn from him. In fact, in taking time to learn from him, our service will receive its true direction. No one can learn from Christ and maintain racial barriers. Rather, learning from him we shall enter actively into reconciling all human relationships and meeting all human hurts. It is striking that today's theme follows the story of the Good Samaritan, a barrier-breaking deed of healing. One thing is needful: to learn from Christ the ministry of reconciliation.

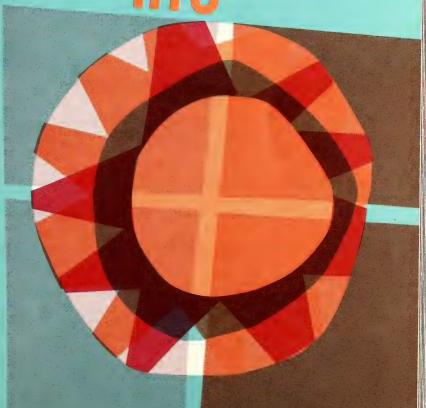
"EACH ONE TEACHES MANY"

Now in its sixth year, the Citizenship Education program of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries can point with pride to an ever-expanding circle of more than 2,000 men and women from South Carolina to Texas who are alumni: of Dorchester Community Center workshops. While the Division of Higher Education and the American Missionary Association continue their support of the AMA colleges and universities, this Citizenship Education program has broadened our concern for helping the educationally disadvantaged among Negroes in the South.

A field staff, headed by Dorothy Cotton of Atlanta, Georgia, hand-picks leaders and potential leaders, primarily from rural areas in the South. These leaders are then brought together for a five day period at the Dorchester Community Center. Those who are functionally illiterate are given an intensive course in reading and writing while all receive basic citizenship education. After instruction, those trained return to their homes and set up literacy and citizenship schools in their own communities.

This Citizenship Education program was set up under an annual grant of \$150,000 from the Field Foundation to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The Board provides supervision for the program and it regards this as one of the most crucial opportunities in which we participate as a Christian witness to the worth and dignity of people without regard to race or creed or class.

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February 18, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Thee We Adore, O Blessed Saviour" -Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Almighty God, we lift up our hearts to thee, invoking thy blessing on our worship together. Cleanse our hearts and open our minds that thy truth may be in us. We come in the Lord's Name, praying as he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UNISON READING 123, p. 544, hymnal
THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 11, 12

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response "Lord, be gracious unto us"

ANTHEM "Out of the Deep" - Schmutzler

THE OFFERING
Offertory "We All to Thee Give Praise"
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 397 "Lord, Speak to Me"

Perfect Power

ERMON

YMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction
Choral Response "Grant us thy peace"
Postlude "Psalm XIX" - Marcello

*Congregation Standing

by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long and in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson.

UNIOR CHURCH, under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Sloan and Dr. Albert Gminder, begins today. Children in grades 1, 2 and 3 may be dismissed during the singing of the second hymn.

HE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) will meet informally with Dr. Evelyn Duvall this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Youth Center.

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday evening at 3:00 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

EXT SUNDAY, Dr. J. Martin Bailey, Editor of the United Church Herald, will be our Guest Preacher at the morning worship hour.

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. L. Smith

Serving in the Nursery Mrs. Birdie Crutchfield Mrs. C. E. Barnes

colytes: Mark Danieley and Reggie White



SEXAGESIMA

February 18, 1968

John 11:20-27

Jesus meets the traditional expectation of the future resurrection of the dead with a present proclamation: "I am the resurrection and the life." Through the self-giving love of the cross the crowning victory of God's new life is already present. This means that in the power of Christ's new life we may face the future, even death, without fear and may live with his same self-giving and life-bringing abandon.

THE BEGINNING OF A MISSION

150 years ago a young Hawaiian was buried in Cornwall, Connecticut, and with him many high hopes for a pioneering mission which he was being trained to lead. Yet out of that seed laid in alien soil sprang one

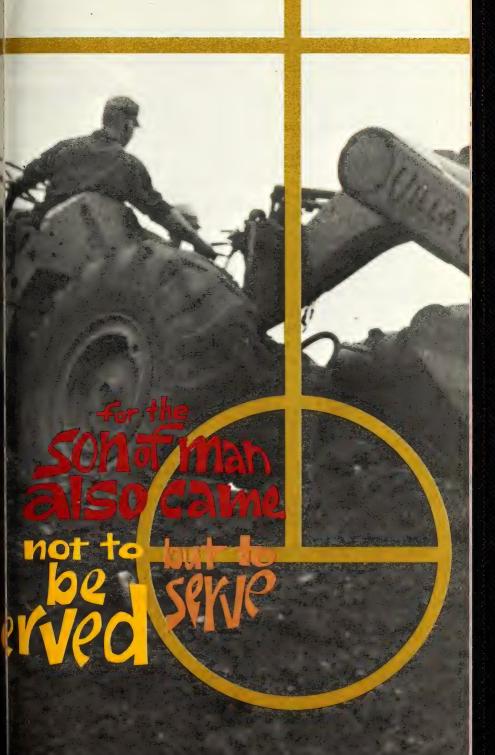
of the great achievements of missionary history.

Obookiah arrived in New England in 1809. His father and mother had been killed before his eyes in tribal warfare, and his infant brother speared to death as he fled carrying him on his back. Young Obookiah stowed away on a Yankee ship, Trader, whose kindly Captain Brintnel brought him to New Haven. There he was found one day on the steps of Yale College crying for sheer loneliness and hunger for education. Among the students who befriended him was Samuel J. Mills, key figure in founding the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Through Mills' interest, Obookiah entered the first class in a new kind of school set up at Cornwall in 1817 where young men from overseas were to be trained as missionaries to their own people. But typhus fever struck him down on February 17, 1818.

Obookiah's story, told throughout the churches and Sunday schools of New England, generated a vivid response. Hardly a year had passed before an outstanding company of missionaries, headed by Hiram Bingham, was ready to go in Obookiah's place. From that beginning a new Hawaii was born. Our missionaries, under God, became the greatest single influence in Hawaii's whole development—politically, eco-

nomically, educationally, socially, and religiously.

David M. Stowe



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February 25, 1968

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude"

- Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) (a second century prayer from the 'Didache')

"Remember, Lord, thy Church to deliver it from all evil and to perfect it in thy love; and gather it together from the four winds into thy Kingdom which thou hast prepared for it." Be with us still as we make our Master's prayer our own:

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-18 THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet" Pastoral Prayer Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

"Praise" - Rowley ANTHEM

THE OFFERING Offertory "Praise God, Ye Christians"-Buxtehude The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Outcast on a Stepladder

HYMN 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Benediction

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

Postlude "Organum Plenum" -Bingham

*Congregation will stand

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffin and Mr. W. E. Butler, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Jr.
- WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us today.

 We would ask our visitors to please sign the

 Guest Register in the narthex.

 We are delighted to have the fraternity brothers

 of Alpha Phi Omega to share our worship.
- THE GUEST SPEAKER today is Dr. J. Martin Bailey of New York City. Mr. Bailey is familiar to us through the pages of the United Church Herald of which he is the editor. Welcome to our church family, Dr. Bailey.
- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held Friday,
 March 1, 10:30 A.M. at the Front Street Christian
 Church in Burlington.
- HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. M. D. Joye at County Hospital.

 Home from the hospital is Bart Schieble who lives at the Elon Home for Children.
- GREETINGS to Brian Egerton Powell, born Feb. 21, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp Powell.



QUINQUAGESIMA

February 25, 1968

Mark 10:35-45

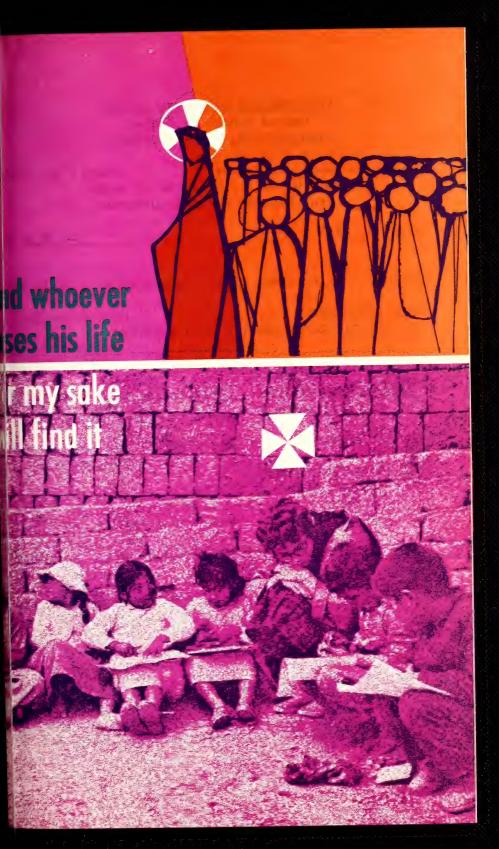
Not even the first disciples were free of the desire to be "the greatest." This desire to "rise to the top of the heap" seems almost universal, and society often acclaims those who make it. But Jesus reverses our scale of values: "Whoever would be first among you must be your servant." Jesus' own life portrayed what he said. The life of a servant does not mean being everybody's doormat. It does mean seeking to enhance and ennoble the lives of others, to share Christ's compassion for people, right in the midst of our daily work.

A VENTURE OF FAITH

For forty years, the people of the Ahmadnagar area in western India have been working with sisal fiber. During this time, the missionary-started industry has paid more than \$250,000 in wages to the workers, a sum which has brought books, medicines, and more nourishing food, not to mention a sense of human dignity to literally hundreds of people.

Back in 1927, during the second year of a cruel famine, destitute villagers came to our missionaries pleading for jobs. They didn't want charity. One day, when Mrs. Long was looking for some clothes that needed darning or mending, a keen-eyed Indian girl standing beside her noticed a many-colored handbag made of sisal and commented that there was a fiber like that for sale in the local bazaar.

A sisal fiber industry soon took shape, each step learned from the beginning. The items to be made all had to be designed—handbags, purses, rugs, belts, baskets. Out in the villages more than five hundred men and women found employment preparing the fiber and making rough bags and baskets at home. The factory in Ahmadnagar, still under mission auspices, now employs 80 women. Directed at first by the UCBWM missionaries, the industry is now managed and supervised by Mr. B. R. Ghodke and Miss Savitri Patole. Just one more instance of the long-term benefits to an entire area which have come through the initial help of Our Christian World Mission.



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March 3, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" - Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir INVOCATION PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:1-8

* The Gloria Patri

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "When First the World Began" - Pasquet

THE OFFERING

Offertory "My Heart Will Sing for Joy"- Walther

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

SERMON Our Debt to Christ

("To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father..." Rev. 1:5,6)

*HYMN 161 "Before the Cross of Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response POSTLUDE

"Threefold Amen" "Grand Choeur" - Guilmant

*congregation standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Jr., and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott,

THE DISCUSSION CLASS, led by Dr. S. M. Duvall, will meet this evening at 7 o'clock in the Parish House.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

THE CIRCLES will not meet this week but will meet in General Session on Monday, March 11, at 8:00 P.M.

HOSPITALIZED in Alamance County Hospital is Mrs. M. D. Joye.

WE ALL JOIN in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Earl Danieley upon the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Ed Argyle, on February 22, in Flint, Michigan.

GREETERS TODAY:

T. A. Boland and D. M. McLelland

SERVING IN THE NURSERY:

Mrs. Bill Blanchard and Mrs. Dave Nichols



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 196

Matthew 16:21-20

Jesus did not just talk to others about "losing life." He lost himsel completely in sharing God's love for people. For those who cared too little, he cared too much. He had to face hostility, suffering and death But such losing of life is not the end. It brings the power of God's nev life. It is a life present wherever persons lose themselves in the spiri of Jesus' love for people. To do this is to celebrate Lent and to find true life, his life, present with us.

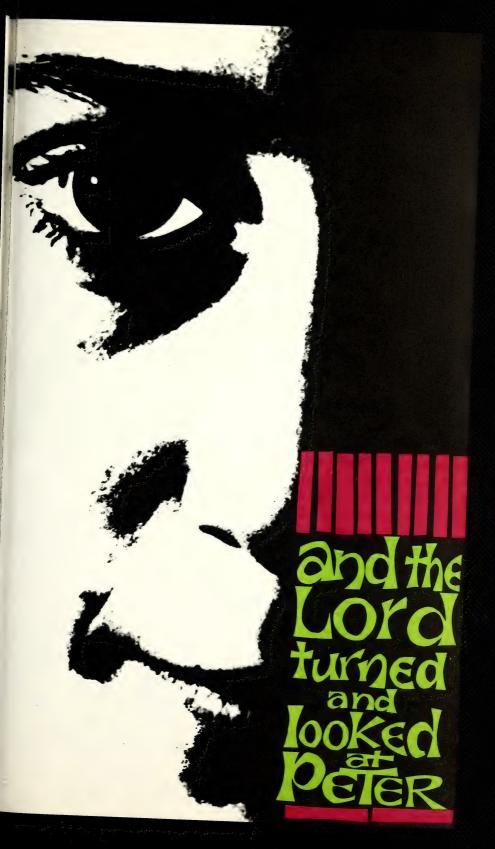
DOES EVERY MAN HAVE HIS PRICE?

Not long ago twenty salesmen from several churches in the greate Detroit area gathered for a series of five Sunday evenings to explore this question. Led by a representative of the Detroit Industrial Mission they took a hard look at some of the issues confronting salesmen today Together they sought to clarify the ethical dimensions of their work

The group began by reading a case study of an insurance salesmar who was offered a chance to gain \$5,000 in commissions—for a price Asked what he would do in similar circumstances, one man replied "most important is whether you are going to get caught!" Others commented that kickbacks are just one of the costs of doing business today Still others had mixed feelings about accepting such offers. The group arrived at no simple answers. They weren't really supposed to. Rather the series was designed to serve as a challenge to self-evaluation. Afte completing the five sessions most of the group agreed that it had.

Through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, w support the work of the Detroit Industrial Mission and other simila efforts across the country to help men and women in their relationship

to the "world of work."



Phone: 584-9294 Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

March 10, 1968 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

"Christ, Lead Thou On" - Manz PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir INVOCATION PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Grant unto us this day, O God, truth for the problems which perplex and light on the pathway we cannot see. Our constant need is to deepen our faith in thee. As we come before thee now, speak thy words of truth and love, and comfort, and forgiveness. Hear us too as we make our Master's Prayer our own, praying as he taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven....

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:1-3, 2:1-7 UNISON READING 130, page 546, hymnal The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER Silent Prayers of the People Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - Messiter ANTHEM

THE OFFERING Offertory "Praise Be to Thee" - Scheidt The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

TYMN 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

ERMON Our Courage in Christ

("... it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me..." Galatians 2:20)

[YMN 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, let us now depart in peace"

OSTLUDE "Postlude in Eb Major" - Fischer

*Congregation Standing

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the GLORY OF GOD by Mrs. Lucille Kluttz and in memory of her husband and father, Mr. John D. Kluttz and Mr. Carroll Dean.

HE ELON YOUTH will meet at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the Youth Center with Mr. Roney Cates of Burlington, N. C. as their guest speaker.

Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in this sanctuary.

Dr. W. W. Snyder will give the Bible Study,

"Christ and the Faith of Men".

HE WEDDING of Mr. Franklin Biggerstaff and Miss Judy Colwell will be at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon in this sanctuary.

DUR CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes go to Mrs. W. P. Lawrence as she celebrates her 96th birthday tomorrow, March 11.

THE ELON COLLEGE FCUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM will be held Monday at 11:00 o'clock in the Alumni Gymnasium.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 1968

Luke 22:54-62

Within an "in-group" we can deceive ourselves into thinking that our faith is strong. A hostile setting unmasks that apparent strength and shows our weakness. This was the story of Peter's denial that he ever knew Jesus. His prior boasting of total commitment was shattered "and the Lord turned and looked at Peter." Jesus looks not only at our easy confession "within the walls" but at our faithfulness in a threatening world. That look cuts painfully into our self-deception, but it also draws us to a new trust, no longer in our own strength, but in his.

IN BENNINGTON THE WORD IS NOW

Representatives of ten denominations participating in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) meeting at Dayton, Ohio, this month will be asking, "When can our churches begin to work more closely together?" Were they to ask the people of Bennington, Vermont, the answer would clearly be, "Now!" The five congregations of this small New England community—two Methodist, one Episcopal, and two United Church of Christ—have already begun to work together in new and exciting ways.

As one of those who pioneered this venture puts it, "A town our size should have one minister-specialist in counseling, another who can help all the congregations to a greater appreciation of music, and so on . . ." Closer cooperation has already begun. The North Bennington UCC church which is located near Bennington College carries on a campus ministry on behalf of all the churches. The pastor of another church who has specialized in teacher-training now prepares church school teachers for all.

COCU may remain mysterious and vaguely threatening for some, but for the people of Bennington, COCU represents only the next logical step in a process which has already been begun. While there is a long way to go, even in Bennington, before full unity of budget, personnel and program are achieved, there is no longer any doubt that the time to start moving is now!

HRIST ELL US





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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

March 17, 1968 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Now Praise We Christ"

- Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:7-13
Ephesians 5:1, 10

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Behold and See" - Martini

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by, behold and see. If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. Behold and see, is it nothing. Behold my sorrow which is done unto me. If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

A DIALOGUE FOR LENT (based on Isaiah 53:1-6)

*HYMN 157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

SERMON Christ and the Open Door

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Strong Son of God" - Willan The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (stanzas 1&2)
BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

OSTLUDE "Miles Lane" - Willan

VE ARE HAPPY to have the Rev. Mr. Richard Rinker, our Conference Minister of Christian Education, serving as Liturgist of the morning.

Greeters today are George Noah and W. R. Pendergrass. Serving in the Nursery are Mrs. Marsh McLelland and Mrs. Howard Loy.

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the GLORY OF GOD by by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Allen and in memory of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Noel J. Allen, Mr. John E. Carnes and Mrs. Alice F. Mangum.

HE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) will meet informally with Wayne Seymour at the home of Charlotte Hughes at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

CHE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday at 3:00 P. M. in the Hunter Room. Members of the Committee are: Mr. McLelland, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Rinker, Mr. Smith, Mr. Updyke, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Holt.

SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received and dedicated next Sunday. This is one of the ways various denominations and faiths work together to provide self-help programs to the willing peoples of underdeveloped nations in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 196

Luke 22:63-7

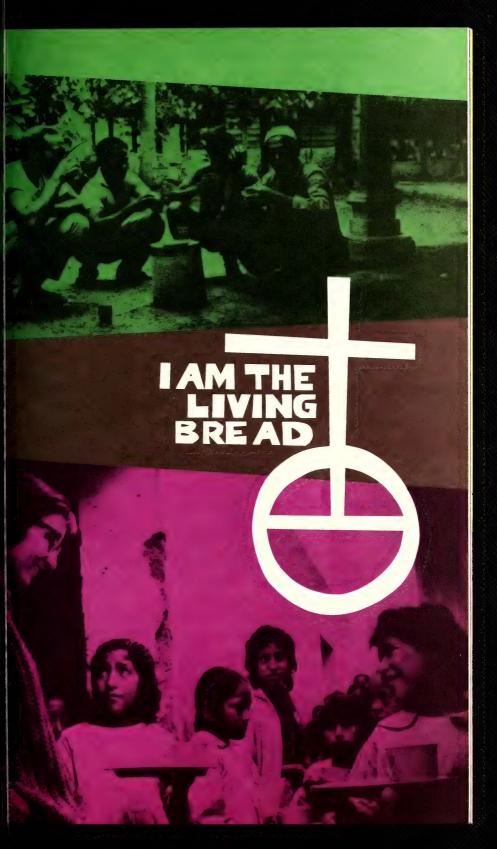
"Tell me that you love me!" We want to be assured by words of love Yet words about love do not convey it. Later we may complain: "Bu you said that you loved me." Those who confronted Jesus wanted verba assurance, but their failure to risk involving themselves with him prevented their knowing that he was indeed God's "good news" to mer Apart from involved experience, words are not convincing. Jesus is no on trial! Our commitment to him is! And only commitment is convincing

TEACH THEM TO FISH

"Give a man a fish," runs an old Chinese proverb, "and he can eater for a day; teach him to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime." Church Worl Service, the cooperative service agency of 39 American denomination accomplishes both these purposes: immediate emergency aid and long term assistance.

Famine in India, hurricane in Mexico, violence in the Middle Ear and Africa—all have required that men be fed, clothed, and housed a once. But Church World Service also has built a fast-freeze poultr plant in Greece, a cattle cooperative in Africa, a bone-crusher fertilize plant in India. Through CWS we have provided well-digging and dar construction know-how and equipment in Africa and India, agriculture knowledge in Latin America and Asia.

Many congregations of the United Church of Christ will observ March 24th as One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS Sunday. UCC congregations contributed nearly \$800,000 to this cause last year. This year the needs are even greater. You, and you alone will determine the extent of our continued service in the more than 40 countries when Church World Service is at work. Your generous giving is needed.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music
C. Fletcher Moore, Guest Organist

March 24, 1968 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Benedictus"

- Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Ling
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE (Good News For Modern Man)
Revelation 3:14-22
Romans 5:1-11

* The Gloria Patri

A LITANY OF THE CROSS (see insert)

SOLO "There is a Green Hill Far Away" - Gounod Miss Winifred Barney

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

CHILDREN'S STORY
*HYMN 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
(children in grades 1-3 are dismissed at this time for Junior Church)

SERMON Cold or Hot or Neither? Mr. Hamilton

A LITANY OF THE CROSS

Imighty God, we acknowledge before thee our unpayable indebtedness to thee and to others. For the forgiveness of all our sins and our new beginnings in Christ,

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

For the life we lead in this quiet community, abounding in chances to serve one another, to bear one another's purdens, to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice,

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

For this blessed season of Lent, wherein we re-live with Christ those forty days of temptation and mortal trial,

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

or the cross of Christ and his bitter sacrifice, for the love so freely given, and the costly salvation there granted thy people of faith,

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

'or his loneliness in the garden, his betrayal and trial, is humiliation, the mockery of his thorny crown, the inguish of his cross, for his unfailing faith in thee and love for all men.

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

For the quiet hours of study and prayer now before us, for the sharing of our goods with the poor, for all that this may do to bring us nearer to the likeness of Jesus,

O LORD, MAKE US THANKFUL.

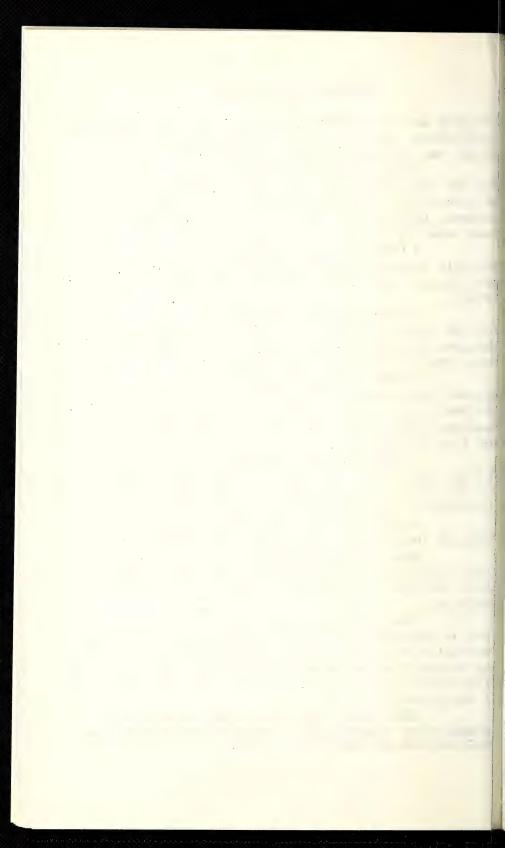
'rom all ingratitude, and pride, and hardness of heart,
DEAR LORD, DELIVER US.

from selfish use of opportunities for which good men lied, and from all spendthrift wasting of our costly seritage,

DEAR LORD, DELIVER US.

ree us from the reluctance of our fears and the halting indecision of our unbelief. At this table of remembrance may we reaffirm our oneness with Christ and our oneness with all who in sacrificial living share the fellowship of his cross.

DEAR LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US. MAKE US INCREASINGLY THANKFUL. AND EMPOWER US TO DO THY WILL THIS DAY AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.



THE OFFERING

Offertory "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Bach The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 326 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
POSTLUDE "Toccata in F" - Buxtehude

*Congregation Standing

WE ARE HAPPY to have the Rev. Mr. John Ling serving as our Liturgist today. He is a native of Malaysia, a graduate of Elon College and of Dubuque Theological Seminary of Dubuque, Iowa.

It is also a pleasure to have Dr. Fletcher Moore, Dean of Elon College, serving as guest organist today

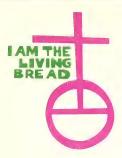
GREETERS today are Robert Baxter and W. C. Perry, Jr. Serving in the Nursery are Mrs. A. L. Hook and Mrs. Paul Cheek.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest and in memory of her father, Mr. Homer J. Cochran.

THE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) in lieu of the evening meeting, will meet in front of the church this afternoon at 3:20 o'clock to go to the area youth service at First Christian Church in Burlington.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet Monday evening at 3:00 o'clock in the Secretary's office.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend a series of talks by Dr. Mary Alice Jones at the Church of the Holy Comforter on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 7:45 o'clock. Topic: "The Christian Faith Speaks to Children".



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT One Great Hour of Sharing - Share Our Substance

March 24, 1968

John 6:47-57

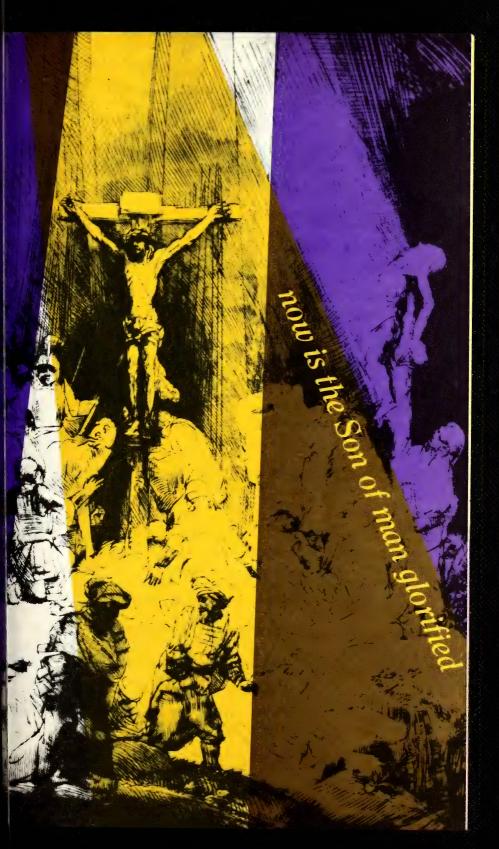
John's Gospel proclaims that "bread" is a person. Our deepest hunger is not for bread to fill only our stomachs but for a person who cares about our whole life. Jesus embodies God's total concern for every person. This self-giving love that has "fed" us, motivates us to share gratefully and joyously both ourselves and our substance with the world's hungry in body and spirit. Such sharing celebrates the caring presence of him who is "the living bread" in the midst of all human hunger.

A TIME BOMB SET TO GO OFF

Every minute another 100 people; every hour 6,000 more; every 24 hours, 144,000. By the year 2000, seven billion people will live on this earth, more than twice the number alive today. This is the projection of our population growth based on today's trends. More than two-thirds of the earth's people today suffer from malnutrition; millions from outright hunger. If we cannot or will not feed today's hungry, what will happen by the year 2000? The situation is like a time bomb set to go off.

Can we arrest, even reverse, this rapid march toward mass hunger, war and world catastrophe? To do so we must increase food production at least three-fold. We must find new uses for new kinds of nourishing foods. We must, in short, conquer both nature and ourselves.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS you can join those who are already at work on such solutions. You can help develop what are now wastelands. You can help to improve the yield-per-acre of land now under cultivation. You can explore new ways of processing food from the sea. You can help to clap the lid on population growth around the world through extensive family planning. All this you can do through your generous support of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS appeal. Earmark your check "OGHS—SOS" and give it today!



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

March 31, 1968 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Gloria" (Couperin)

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Scott
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:19-25

* The Gloria Patri

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LENT (see insert)
Prayer Hymn 333 "Father Almighty" (stanza 1)

ANTHEM "Walk Humbly with Thy God" (Darst)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear our prayer, O Lord"

*HYMN 342 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

SERMON The Neglected Name

THE OFFERING

Offertory "When on the Cross the Saviour Hung"

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LENT

Father of us all, we sense before thee the unworthiness of all our deeds. As we have offended others, so are we often the object of hurtful thoughts, words and deeds.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

So we seek to live as acceptable in thy sight.

Grant us the joy of loving thee into all eternity.

TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

Thou hast made us to be children of thine, to care for each other, to steady the arms of faith and the arms of life. In tender compassion, help us minister to those whom thou hast given us to love.

WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON! ... BEHOLD THY MOTHER. Yet we are troubled, disturbed; and we feel a loneliness in grief. Why is the body so weak, the flesh so frail? Why suffering? Why the torment? Lord God in whom we believe, help our unbelief.

MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?
Our needs, known and unknown to us, are known to thee.
The body craves its nourishment for strength and hope and meaning in life. Share with us of that spring of water which wells up to eternal life.

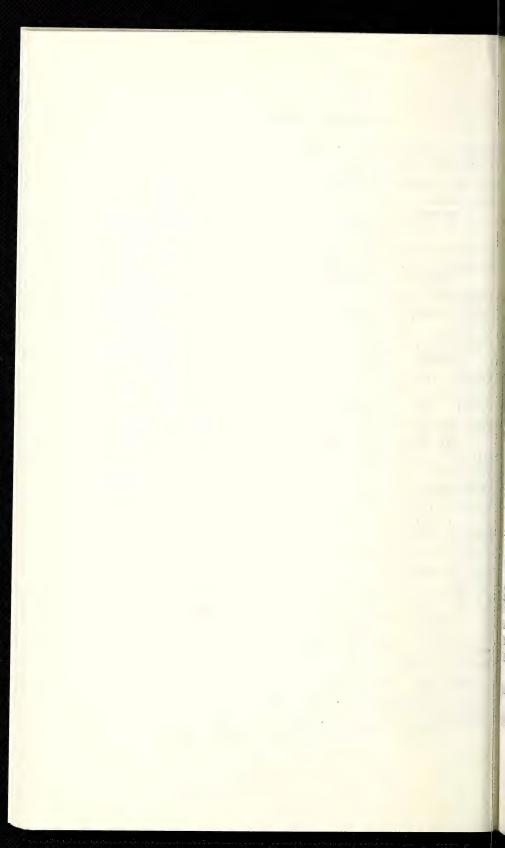
I THIRST.

How we struggle with each of life's opportunities. The deed of yesterday is done; it cannot be undone. The wrong cannot be righted. Yet nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from thy love in Christ our Lord.

IT IS FINISHED.

We come here, O God, professing our complete loyalty and utter trust in thee. We say as did our Master: "not my will but thine be done; for into thy hands I commit my life, with all its broken purposes, its sufferings and its defeats, to be used and perfected by thee".

FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.



*HYMN 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ" *BENEDICTION and response "Grant us Thy Peace" POSTLUDE "Chorale" (Scheidt)

*Congregation Standing

- WE ARE HAPPY to have as our liturgist for the morning Dr. William T. Scott. Ricky Uzzell and Reggie White are the acolytes.
- ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the GLORY OF GOD by Mr. and Mrs. Al Hassell and in memory of Mrs. Hassell's grandmother, Mrs. Ada B. Lloyd.
- THE ELON YOUTH (Grades 9-12) will meet this evening at 6:30 in the Youth Center for an informal discussion on Contemporary Politics.
- AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, staffed by a public health nurse, will be held in the Parish House on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from two to four p.m. The first clinic will be Tuesday of this week.
- CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS are available in the Secretary's office. For a schedule of summer camps, please see the downstairs bulletin board.
- CIRCLES MEET APRIL 1 AND 2 WITH THE FOLLOWING:
- Circle 1, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Clyde Fields Circle 2, Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Miss Lila Newman
- Circle 3, Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr.
- Circle 4, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Miss Georgie
- Circle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Wesley Alexander
- Circle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Marsh McLelland

now is the Son of man glorified

PASSION SUNDAY

March 31, 196

John 13:31-3

How can an hour of bloody crucifixion and cruel death be an hour of glory? John's Gospel proclaims the cross as an hour of glory because that hour expresses most deeply the presence of God's self-giving love Such love, true to the end in the face even of cruel injustice and de structive hate, is the final victor and God's healing answer to the world's plight. And it rings true! In our own lives we know that self-giving love smashes personal barriers and heals human hurts as nothing else can do The cross is God's illuminating glory in the world's darkness.

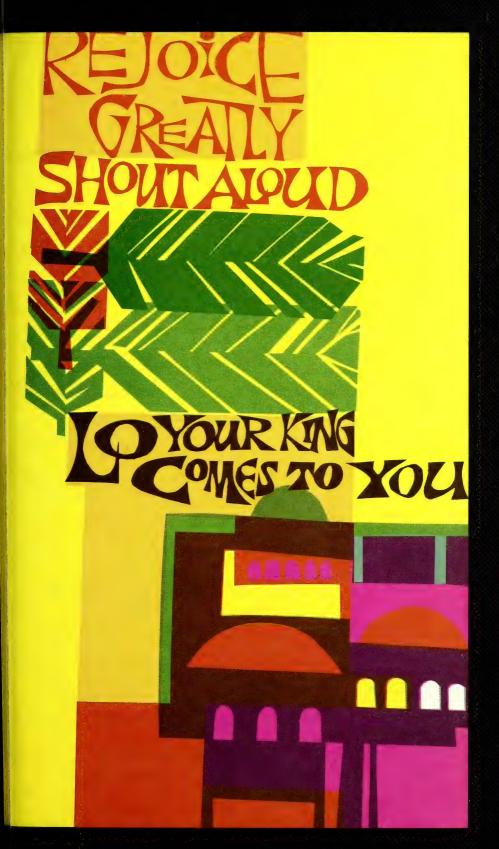
MINISTERING TO NEW CITIES IN JAPAN

Can the Christian faith be relevant to human issues in urban, indus trialized areas? In Japan, where a dozen new satellite cities are springing up as part of two or three great urban sprawls, the *Kyodan* or United Church of Christ in Japan, is providing an affirmative answer.

Not long ago, Pastor Gosaku Okada of the Denenchofu Church nea Osaka, called his board together to talk about the needs of Tokyo Nev Town. "What," he asked, "is the ministry in mission to which Christ is calling the church here?" The board discussed the matter and then de cided to raise \$51,000 to secure land in the new area. Simultaneously, the congregation and the Evangelism Committee of the *Kyodan* planned different kinds of ministries and forms of congregational life which could perhaps meet the new patterns of human need and make the Christian faith relevant and real.

Today, congregations have been begun in a number of the giant, ten story apartment complexes of Tokyo New Town. Initial efforts have been directed toward providing such community services as child-care centers for working mothers and recreational and study activities fo youth and adults.

The United Church Board for World Ministries cooperates with seven other U.S. Denominations through an Interboard Committee to provide supplemental financial aid and missionary personnel to the Kyodan.



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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

April 7, 1968 Palm Sunday 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Now Let All Sing Praise" (Willan)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN 155 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

THE WORD OF SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-46

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Hosanna" Junior Choir

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear our prayer, O Lord"

*HYMN 175 "Ride On In Majesty"

SERMON The Silences Which Precede The Decision
To Go To Jerusalem

THE OFFERING "Praise God, Ye Sons of Men" (Willan)
Offertory

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

*BENEDICTION AND Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

*POSTLUDE "Fantasy" (Bach)

DID YOU KNOW

- . that we have 13 mission fields in the Southern Conference which eceive leadership aid from the Church Extension Division of the Board or Homeland Ministries and the Southern Conference. Southern Conerence gives over \$20,000 a year in subsidy to these mission congregations that have been received from the former Church Builders Clubs of the Southern Synod and the Southern Convention?
- . that the Christian Missionary Association of Eastern Virginia has been doing a marvelous job in helping churches for many years and s at present engaged in raising funds to help Pembroke UCC pay for heir land. Normally more than \$5,000 is raised each year?
- .. that most first units of mission congregations cost anywhere from 60,000 to \$100,000 or more and these are stripped to the minimum in quipment?
- .. that mission sites are costing in the neighborhood of from \$25,000 o \$50,000 for 3 acres or more?
- . . that the requests for aid come to Church Builders Club and then re approved by the Committee on Church Extension of the Southern Conference?
- .. that your contributions are tax deductible?

HELP US BUILD THE NEW CHURCHES

- .. there are no set dues—you may contribute any amount you desire.
- .. the appeal comes once a year only.
- . . the local churches are urged to place it in their budgets, or to have special offerings.
- . . the various organizations such as Classes, Church School, Men's and Women's Fellowship, Youth Groups may join as a group.

OIN GOD WHERE HE IS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES

JUILDING HIS CHURCH TO SAVE THE LIVES OF MEN...

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1968 APPEAL

- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields and in memory of her father, Mr. J. W. Stone.
- HE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE has designated April 7 as

 Church Builders' Sunday. It is hoped that many of
 you will want to go this second mile to help
 finance new mission congregations in our
 Conference.
- HOSE WHO WANT to place Easter Lilies in the Chancel for next Sunday should call the church office by Tuesday morning.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

ODAY 4:00 p.m. The Elon Singers present "The Seven Last Words" by Dubois in Whitley Auditorium.

6:30 p.m. The Elon Youth (Grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Center.

7:30 p.m. The Board of Deacons meets in the Hunter Room.

UESDAY 3:30 p.m. Primary Choir

EDNESDAY 3:30 p.m. Junior Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

OOD

RIDAY

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The prelude will begin at 7:45, and at
8:00 o'clock the Chancel Choir will present
"A Passion Choralogue" by W. B. Olds. The
Sacrament of Holy Communion will follow.

7:30 p.m. Area congregations of the United Church of Christ will hold a Union Good Friday Service at Union Ridge Church. Our Pastor will be preaching.



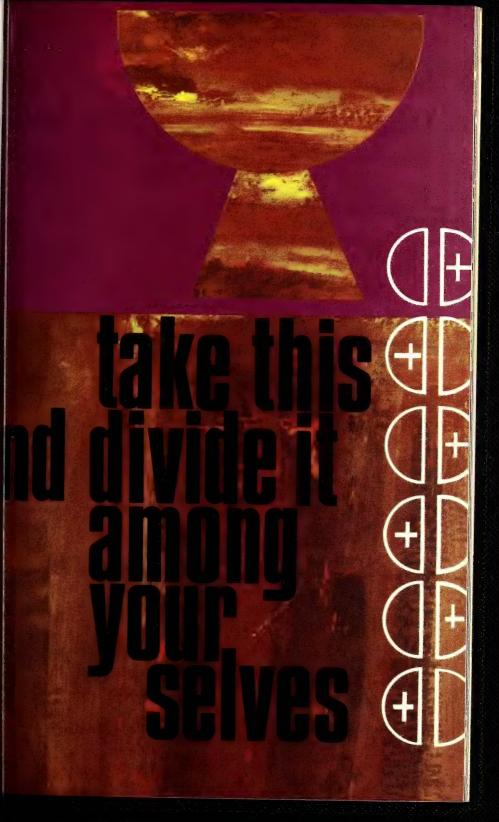
PALM SUNDAY

A right celebration for the wrong reason. That describes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The people rightly celebrated the coming of their true king, but they wrongly understood him as one who would reestablish their political power as a nation.

Palm Sunday proclaims one who rides on to his death. Our rejoicing centers on a king who does not subdue us with might but who wins us with a love that is willing even to die. In a world where might so often seems to make right, and where we too often want a Christ to crush our foes, Palm Sunday calls us to a right celebration for the right reason: the celebration of the victory of a love that brings new life out of death and that cares as much for our enemies as for us. It is a love that is beyond all political and national loyalties, and that calls the whole human race to rejoice greatly over the coming of a king whose patriotism knows no boundaries.

Today's theme comes from a passage in the book of the prophet Zechariah that speaks of a king who is just, who "cuts off the battle bow" of war, and who brings peace to the nations as the Lord of the ends of the earth. When shall we learn to shout aloud and to rejoice at the coming of such a king?

PAUL L. HAMMER



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 11, 1968

Maundy Thursday

8:00 P.

PRELUDE

"Fantaisie in C" Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

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SILENT PROCESSIONAL

A PASSION CHORALOGUE

Jack O. White, Director Edward Pilkington, Narrator Albert Gminder, Soloist Mrs. Albert Gminder, Organist

Episode I - The Last Supper

Using Psalms 113-118 which probably Jesus and Disciples used at the Last Supper.

Episode II - The Betrayal

Episode III - The Trial

Episode IV - The Crucifixion

The melodies used by the wailing women during the procession to Calvary are ancient ones and were used to express sorrow and despair during that sad march.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Collect

General Confession (In Unison)

Almighty God, Merciful Father; I, a poor sinner, acknowledge and confess my manifold sins, which I from time to time have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto me. I have no other comfort or hope, than thy grace which abounds above my guilt, and the precious merits of my Lord Jesus Christ. Longing after this grace I say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy child. Grant unto me pardon and peace, and strength to lead a new and righteous life, by the power of thy Holy Spirit; through the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution

Participation at the Table

(The Deacons will direct the congregation to the Table in small groups. As is our custom, we invite all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Life.)

*Thanksgiving

*HYMN 514 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

BENEDICTION

CHIMES

take this and divide it among your selves

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples was both an end and a beginning. It was the *end* of the many meals Jesus shared with both his disciples and with the social outcasts whom everyone else rejected. Because he cared for all and gave himself to them, he removed the barriers men had erected in order to make a place for everyone at God's family table and to free them for a new life.

It was also the *beginning* of those many meals in which by his Spirit he would give himself as the crucified and risen Lord, no longer only to those in Palestine in the years of his earthly life, but to men everywhere throughout all the coming years. The barrier-breaking and liberating power of his self-giving love is no mere memory of the past; it is the present purpose of his coming again and again to those gathered about his table, until that day when dividing and imprisoning walls shall be no more.

We celebrate his presence and participate in his purpose as we divide the bread and cup among ourselves. This is the meaning of "the priesthood of every believer." It does not mean that every man is his own priest but that every man is a priest to his neighbor. For the task of a priest is to share God's love in Christ by which he wants to level all barriers and join all in his one human family. At his table we do not serve ourselves. To express his love we serve and are served by one another, that our partaking of the bread and the cup may equip us to embody his purpose and his presence in every part of our own and of the world's daily life.



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April 14, 1968 Easter Sunday 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious" -Van Hulse

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" *CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord is risen. Let loose your burden and stand tall. The Lord is risen.

People: Let the heavens ring! Let earth rejoice!
The Lord is risen indeed.

Pastor: Gone is the darkness, gloom, and despair.
God is the Winner, for Christ the Lord is risen today.

Choir: "An Easter Introit"

Prayer of Invocation

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-35

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "He is Risen, Forevermore" - Pattinson

PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

Offertory "Allegro" - Dandrieu

* Choral Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

THE OFFERING

MEDITATION Good Morning!

HYMN 199 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison)
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving

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HYMN 193 "Thine is the Glory"

Choral Response "Lord, let us now depart in peace"
POSTLUDE "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" -Bach

*Congregation Standing

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

EASTER LILIES are placed in the chancel today to the Glory of God:

- at the Communion Table by Miss Melva Foster, in memory of her mother, Mrs. S. E. Foster;
- at the Pulpit by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich, in memory of her parents, Reverend J. W. Patton and Mrs. Vance Cummings Patton;
- at the Lectern in loving memory of Miss Marsha Lankford.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the congregation will be next Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary.

THE CONFERENCE NEWS, April issue, can be picked up from the narthex table.



EASTER

Easter is no time to enjoy simply a glowing sunrise or some beautiful lilies. Easter is rather a time to celebrate the victory of God's love over human death and his power to bring new life out of apparent defeat. Sunrises and lilies are part of a nature that also knows tornadoes and floods. Nature brings both beauty and tragedy, and it is when we view this nature from the perspective of the cross that we know, come what may, that there is a love from which nothing in all creation can separate us. Then we can see that the sun and the lilies are not intended to call attention to themselves, but to proclaim the praise of him who makes life new.

For us as Christians, the recurring newness of the sun every morning and of the lilies every year differs from the once-and-for-all newness of Christ's resurrection. That victory over death, occurring in the past, inaugurates God's climactic and continuing power to renew men in every age, not only after death but in the midst of this life. In this sense the recurring newness of the sun and of the lilies can serve to proclaim that continuing newness of God's new life in Christ's resurrection.

But that new life then is unconvincing until we let it enter into us now, until we realize for ourselves that the power of his resurrection is new every morning to equip us for whatever the day may bring. When this happens Easter will be no annual fringe celebration of our faith. It will be the motivating power of our daily life.

PAUL L. HAMMER

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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

April 21, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

"Chorale"

- Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Primary Choir

*INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison)

O thou ever-living God, who art present when thy people gather together in thy name, give us now a freshness of spirit, a power to awaken within us holiness, helpfulness, understanding, and the will to worship thee worthily. Unite us with all who worship thee in little groups and in great congregations in our wide land and in all lands, that we may give thee the glory that is due thy name. Amen.

*HYMN 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 121

* The Gloria Patri

"Our God is One God" ANTHEM

- Angell

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Spirit of the Living God"

THE OFFERING

"We will be Merry" Primary Choir Offertory "Easter Hymn"

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

EW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 16:9-20

YMN 414 "In Christ There is No East or West"

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The Unfinished Story

*ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
OSTLUDE "Postlude in G" - Handel

*Congregation will stand

HE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. A. I. Braxton by the family.

ERVING TODAY:

Organist for the Primary Choir: Miss Anna Rose Marino Greeters: George D. Colclough and J. E. Danieley Nursery: Mrs. A. W. Hauser and Mrs. H.H. Edgerton Acolytes: Wade Wood and Reggie White

Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Beverly Hills Church. Cars will leave here at 6:30 P.M. All the men of our church are invited.

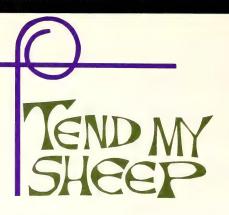
WEEKEND RETREAT for our 9th and 10th graders is planned for April 26-28 at Moonelon. Reservations should be placed with the Minister today.

HE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

HIS EVENING:

6:30 P.M. Elon Youth (grades 9-12) will meet in the Youth Center.

7:30 P.M. Quarterly Business Meeting to be held in this sanctuary.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 21, 196

John 21:15-1

John's Gospel proclaims Jesus as the Good Shepherd. God, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, now is present in him. He it is whe even "lays down his life for the sheep." But after Jesus' earthly life the task of "tending his sheep" fell to his early followers. Such followers whether then or now, do not possess those for whom they care. A Jesus' servants they serve those who belong to him. Here in John, Jesu asks Peter three times about his love, for the true test of one's faith in Jesus is the quality and depth of his caring for people.

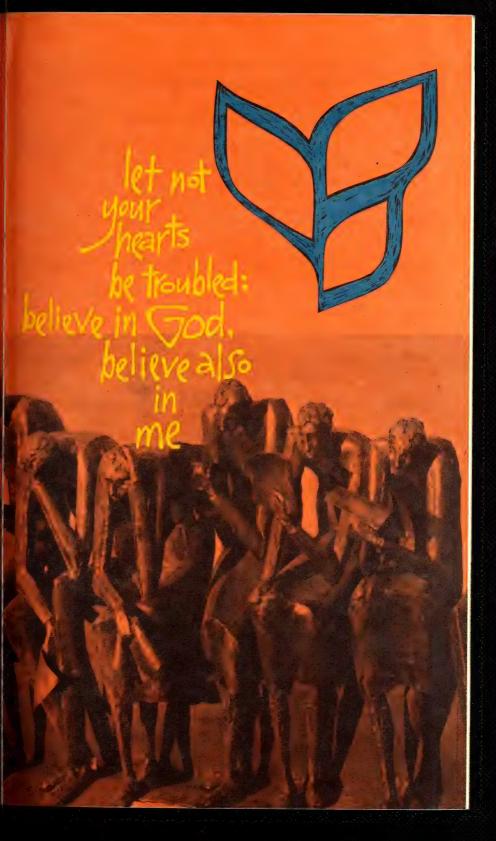
FROM YAM PICKER TO EVANGELIST

When he was seventeen, Sanja left his native village of Sangkpon in Northern Ghana and traveled south in search of work. He found a join the yam fields and he found something more—a Christian faith. A few months later he was baptized and given the name, Jacob.

Jacob intended to return home after the harvest. "But," he asked "how shall I find other Christians when I return?" "Just look up th nearest blacksmith," he was told. "If he's a blacksmith, then he'll b an Ewe. And if he is an Ewe, then he'll be a Christian." The Evangelica Presbyterian Church with which we work in Ghana began working wit the Ewe tribe over a hundred years ago.

Upon returning home, Jacob found that the nearest blacksmith wa indeed an Ewe and a Christian. So Jacob began walking the nine mile to Chereponi every Sunday to go to church. He joined the first Bibl and literacy class to be held in this remote region and did so well the he was invited to move to town and learn more so he could teach Bibl and literacy to others.

One day, when the district pastor, UCC missionary Al Krass, neede someone to preach at a nearby pagan village, he asked Jacob if he woul go. "I'll try," answered Jacob. And he's been trying—and succeeding-ever since. In fact, Jacob has become so effective in preaching the Goo News that when a neighboring Ghanian pastor needed an evangelist for his district, he asked specifically for Jacob.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Guest Organist

April 28, 1968

11:00 A. M.

"Christ is Risen" (Orgelbuchlein) (Bach) PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation" *CALL TO WORSHIP - Larry Sage INVOCATION - Joan Riggan

GENERAL CONFESSION (see insert) - Buck Cobb *RESPONSIVE READING (see insert)

ANTHEM "Wherefore Do the Heathen Clamor" (Saint-Saens)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spirit.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us. People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer - Elizabeth Woolsey Choral Response "Lord, be gracious unto us"

THE OFFERING

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Offertory Solo

- Ken Hollingsworth

The Doxology * Dedication of the Offering - Elizabeth Woolsey

*HYMN OF ASPIRATION 1 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 4:1-7 - Craig MacCreary John 15:18-27



Alamance Building on the Elon campus

APRIL 28, 1968 NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY

On this special day Elon College wishes to take this opportunity to thank the hurches of the United Church of Christ for their enduring support of 79 years. he tie between the Church and the college plays an important part in the aims and objectives of Elon. The College seeks to assist each student to develop lasting piritual values.

Elon College is a four-year, liberal arts college which was founded in 1889 by he Southern Convention of Christian Churches. Because it was to be built in a rove of oak trees, the founders named it Elon, the Hebrew word for oak.

The coeducational institution is located in the piedmont section of North arolina, in the community of Elon College, 10 minutes from the Burlington business istrict and 25 minutes from Greensboro.

Elon offers four-year programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 21 elds or a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry.

ELON COLLEGE IS . . .



the excitement of a team sport



concentrated study and effor



enduring friendship

, the realization of a goal

PEOPLE: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares.

READER: Neither shall they learn war any more." Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; And their spears into pruning hooks; This is the Brave New World

Is the New Morality new? Man is a cold physical being

He is master of his will and fate, master of body and soul.

PEOPLE: the body. "The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?" And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

READER:

Someone is hanging from a cross on the Hill of Calvary.

His face is

He just

contorted with grief and a crown of thorns is placed on his head.

hangs there. They asked you to carry his cross and you maid, "I'm too busy now. Parhaps sometime I'll show him I really do care. Let him find someone else to talk to, I can't help him today. Maybe tomorrow."

UNISON: PEOPLE: world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall Hallelujahi himself, take up his cross and follow me." "If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps he must give up all right to for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The Kingdom of Hallelujah!

reign for ever and ever-

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

(Credit given for the above to:)

Judy Powell - "Someone"

B. Aitcheson Leland - "a road"

Dawn

Handel's Messiah Scriptural texts

GENERAL CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us pray together. . .

we have disregarded it in our hearts and in our dealings with other people. We have said we love our brother, but we have not treated hin as we would want to Our Father, we confess that we have not been good and true citizens of reat Society. We have spoken our pledge of allegiance with our lips, but whom every person in your society is equally important and precious. Help us to find the strongth of spirit to do our own part, and a little extra, to uphold and strengthen your Great Society here on earth. be treated. We have wanted to receive the blessings of your society, yet we have not been willing to serve it and work for it. Father help us now to try harder once we have admitted our faults. Help us every single day to follow the example of your Son, our own best Friend, your Great Society. IN UNISON:

In the name of your Son we pray,

RESPONSIVE READING

READER: We're on a road

but where are we going

a gray road

No signs
perhaps a fruitless highway ahead
the torture is not knowing
if there is a sign for us.

"Cone to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you For my yoke is easy and my For I am Sentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Put on my yoke and learn from me. burden is light." rest.

READER: Poverty, disease Deach, prison the Ghetto I am the Asphalt man; grown in the city-My best friend is almost no one

Does anyone love me, Why don't they understand? Why don't they help?

thirsty and give you something to drimk? When did we see you lonely and make, you welcome, or see you maked and clothe you, or see you ill or in prison and go to see you?"

"I assure you that whatever you did for the hurblest of my brothers you did "tord when did we see you hungry and give you food? Then did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you lonely and ".-L TOB PEOPLE:

NDER: War is incvitable here to stay

here to stay After all the deenemy prospers and man needs it.

God's Great Society

ERMON

"Man and Society" - Cheryl Hart and Lindsey Wyatt

Poetry - Langston Hughes and Bob Dylan

"Man's relationship to Man" - John Massey

"Man's relationship to God" - Joan Anderson

"Am I doing my part?" - Marvin Morgan

RAYER OF CONSECRATION - Larry Sage TYMN OF CONSECRATION 272 "Blest Be the Tie"

ENEDICTION - Larry Sage

Choral Response "Grant us thy peace"

*Congregation will stand

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. T. E. Gilliam, Sr., by Mrs. Gilliam and the family.

VELCOME to the Mathatians of Elon College as they lead us in our Service of Worship today.

Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton are in Ohio this weekend where they will attend the wedding of his sister. They may be reached in any need by calling Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr., or Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) will meet at the church at 1:00 P.M. today to go to Tanglewood Park.

NEWS ITEMS or information for the TORCH are due in the secretary's office by Tuesday morning.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL for May-June can be picked up from the narthex table.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 28, 196

John 14:1-

Jesus' disciples were troubled by his announced departure from them His death would mean the loss of his physical presence. But John 14 strikingly proclaims that Jesus' going away is the very means by which both he and the Father will be with them in the Spirit. The leaves of the cover express this three-fold presence of God's life. Jesus departs not to prepare a place in some distant heaven but in the heart and life of everyone who loves him and keeps his word (vs. 23). To believe in this is to know the confidence of his presence in the midst of trouble

THE CAMPUS MINISTRY, A REVOLVING DOOR

For many years the campus ministry could well be symbolized by an open door—the door of a chapel, a campus minister's home or office or of an off-campus student center. Today, however, a revolving doo might be a better symbol, for the campus ministry is constantly changing to meet the changing needs of students—and of faculty and administrators—on the go.

The campus ministry is no longer expected to provide church youn people with a "safe" home away from home in the secular environmen of the campus. Christian challenge, not safety, is the goal. Nor is it ofter seen as "bringing Christ to the campus." He is understood already to be there. Rather, through its campus ministry the church today seek to enter into a creative dialogue with the university-at-large, listenin as well as speaking, pointing to the authentic revelation of God in the secular as well as in the sacred.

On hundreds of campuses in the United States and overseas, through conference committees, through the Division of Higher Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and through the United Church Board for World Ministries, these new styles of ministriare taking shape.

BUT IF IT DIES



BEARS MUCH FRUIT



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

May 5, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" - Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Open our eyes, O God, unto the light of the world. Open our minds to the mind of Christ. Open our souls to renewed faith in thy Son. Help us and receive us as we come before thy presence in holy worship.

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:25-31

* The Gloria Patri

"Behold and See" Martini-Forester

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Offertory "Largo"

- Bender

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"

ERMON

Business After Breakfast

YMN 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father" ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" OSTLUDE "O Day of Rest and Gladness" - Peeters

*Congregation will stand

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Miss Marsha Lankford by Captain and Mrs. Frank Purdy.

ONIGHT: 6:30 P. M. The Elon Youth (grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Center.

> 7:30 P. M. The Board of Deacons will meet in the Hunter Room.

UESDAY 8:00 P. M. The Christian Education Committee meets in the Secretary's Office.

'RIDAY 6:00 P. M. The Seekers Class will have a covered-dish supper in the Parish House.

IRCLE MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Circle 1, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. J.E. Danieley

Circle 2, Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. Guy Veazey Circle 3, Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. James Griswold

Circle 4, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Miss Mary Lee Foster

Circle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Leroy Hughes

Circle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Dewey Holt

SERVING as Greeters today are W. R. Pendergrass and J. B. Long. Acolytes are Reggie White and John MacDonald.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 5, 196

John 12:20-2

What is it that really lies at the heart of our life? John's Gospel proclaims that it is Jesus' final self-giving love on the cross. This is to sathat the heart of human life lies in a love that shares itself completely. We know from our own experience that our defensive and pathetic at tempts at centering life in ourselves only add to the burden and break down of our life with others, but that our "dying" to such self-exalting attempts leads from a barren loneliness to the fruitful sharing of new life with one another.

A "CUE" FROM MINNESOTA

Slowly, the chemist and his architect friend, the loan manager, the housewives, the salesmen and office workers left the unpretention building on the west end of St. Paul's garish "midway." Two-by-two they went out into the night. One might have expected them to hurr home for some Saturday night social engagement, but they were not headed for home. Rather, they were staying downtown in order to vis such unlikely spots as a bar, a fundamentalist Gospel-mission, a teenag coffee-house hangout, and the emergency room of a nearby hospital.

Who were these people? What were they doing—and why? The class room of CUE from which they went out into the night holds the answer CUE, Center for Urban Encounter, is a pilot project of the Greate Urban Parish of the Twin Cities, an ecumenical venture in urban training in which the Minnesota Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries participate. These people were laymen from Minneapolis and St. Paul churches. Their night excursion was designed according to CUE's director Charles Lutz, to help train them as minister in the secular world, aware of the city's needs and better equipped t serve them.



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May 12, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Now Let All Sing Praise" - Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O God, whose love is over all, whose rich and tender blessings fall on every age and place, hear the songs and prayers we raise in eager joy to thee. And teach us, as we sound the praise, to honor thee in all we do. Amen.

*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON * The Gloria Patri

Proverbs 31

"Rejoice, Ye Hearts, Be Glad and Sing" ANTHEM - Butler

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING Offertory "Wie Schon Leuchtet"

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

- Nicolai

CHILDREN'S STORY

*HYMN 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"

W TESTAMENT LESSON John 6:58-69

RMON

The Benefits of Creative Doubt

MN 29 "Now Thank We All Our God" NEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Let Us Now Depart in Peace" "March Triumphale" STLUDE

*Congregation will stand

TAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Sr., by Mrs. C. B. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

PIES of the May issue of the Southern Conference News are on the Narthex table. Please secure your family copy today.

LENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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Today:	6:30 P.M.	The Elon Youth (grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Center.
	7:30 P.M.	The Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship will meet in the Hunter Room.
Monday:	8:00 P.M.	Christian Ed. Committee will meet in the Secretary's Office.
<u>Tuesday</u> :	3:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Primary Choir Rehearsal. Vacation Church School Workshop
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	at Edgewood Church.
Wednesday	:3:30 P.M.	Junior Choir Rehearsal. Senior Choir Rehearsal.
	7:30 P.M.	Senior Choir Renealsal.
Friday:	7:30 P.M.	An organizational meeting for Cub Scouts will be held in the
		Parish House. Prospective Cub Scouts are invited to attend
		with their parents.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 12, 1968

Festival of the Christian Home

John 6:60-69

John's Gospel deals realistically with the fact that some people turn away from receiving God's gift in Jesus Christ. It portrays Jesus' heart rending question to the disciples: "Will you also go away?" To this Peter responds: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." If the life of Jesus Christ is the climactic event which embodies and declares God's true life for us, then any other life can be only a shadow of the true self God intends us to be. The light that meets us in the face of Jesus Christ illuminates the "positive" in us and calls for radiant reflection.

PRIVILEGES OF A CHRISTIAN HOME

While many of us today take our Christian homes pretty much for granted, it is important to remember that not everyone is so privileged. There are many, in our own country and abroad, who seek to be Christian in non-Christian homes. And there are hundreds of thousands who have no home, Christian or non-Christian, at all.

Many of the congregations and conferences of the United Church of Christ share in the support of the thirteen children's homes which are members of our Council for Health and Welfare Services. In addition to the 2,000 served annually through such residential care, there are hundreds of UCC families who have opened their homes to foster children, and there are scores of churches which provide a pre-school "home away from home" for children.

Overseas, too, homeless children are the church's concern. In Korea, Hong Kong, the Middle East, India, and Vietnam, the United Church Board for World Ministries is engaged in services to children. In addition to this general ministry of the United Church of Christ, some 250 children overseas are currently being sponsored through special giving of UCC church groups and individuals. Thus, the larger Christian family seeks to share the food and shelter, health and security, love and faith which we take for granted as benefits of the Christian home.



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May 19, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Our Father Which Art in Heaven" (Pachelbel)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee that thy way may be known upon earth.

People: With my whole heart I will praise thee;
I will be glad and rejoice in thee.

Choir: "Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:6-11
THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy" Junior Choir
Miss Diane Clendenin, Director

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Blessed Are Ye Faithful" (Brahms)
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

MN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (Children in the third grade and younger may be dismissed for Junior Church at this time.)

W TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:11-20

RMON

Marching Orders Without Limits

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" MN 60 NEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" "St. Anne" (Willan) STLUDE

*Congregation will stand

E ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Miss Florence Wilson by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich. Miss Wilson was with the Elon College Department of Music for nineteen years.

DAY: 2:00-5:30 P.M. The Laity Workshop will be held at Beverly Hills Church. The Workshop will offer help with the new program materials for Women's and Laymen's Fellowship.

> 6:30 P.M. The Elon Youth (grades 9-12) will meet in the Youth Center.

NDAY: 7:30 P.M. The Vacation Bible School Committee will meet in the Hunter Room. Please complete the registration of your children as soon as possible.

NDAY through Wednesday our Pastor will be attending the Minister's Retreat at Franklinton Center. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the parsonage.

XT SUNDAY our service will begin at 9:45 and will be a combined Church School-Church Worship Service. Our high school graduates will be recognized.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 19, 1968

John 17:11-26

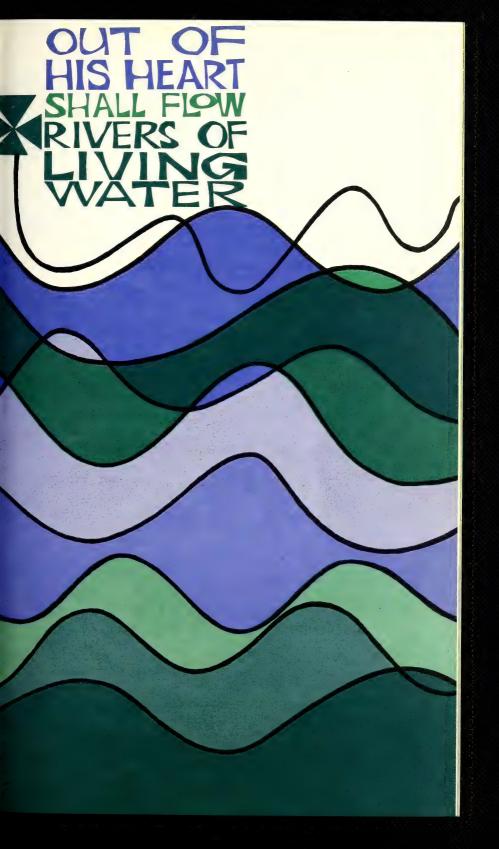
We rejoice in the movement toward Christian unity. Age-old barriers are going down and we increasingly are affirming "one Lord, one faith." But the words from John's Gospel do not make Christian unity the final goal. It is unity "so that the world may believe." Disunity does not make a convincing witness. How can a fragmented Christian community be a true servant of the unity that God desires for all mankind? Any true concern for Christian unity is not for the sake of the church but for the healing of a fragmented world.

A GROWING MINISTRY IN VERMONT

A hundred years ago, eight of every ten people in the United States lived in rural areas. Today, seven out of ten live in the city. This shift has been reflected, not only in our increased attention to urban needs, but also in a number of new and growing rural ministries.

In Vermont, for example, where dairying is still one of the state's largest industries, and where nine out of ten United Church of Christ congregations are located in rural areas, a new triple-targeted ministry is being developed. In the Killington-Pico winter sports area east of Rutland, the Vermont Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries have joined the Vermont Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington in a ministry to three relatively new and unchurched groups: the 300,000 or more skiers who invade the area each winter, the new "leisure industry" people who serve their needs, and the growing number of families from Massachusetts and Connecticut who have built vacation homes in the area.

This new ecumenical, multi-targeted ministry is but a single example of what is going on in the changing rural scene as the United Church of Christ seeks to be faithful to its homeland mission.



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Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

May 26, 1968

9:45 A. M.

PRELUDE "O Enter, Lord, Thy Temple" - Van Hulse

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Our dear Father, let thy Holy Spirit come to bless us now. Because decisions made here are life or death issues, give us both guidance and strength to do thy will. Grant that all we do and say here and hereafter may be acceptable in thy sight. Amen.

*HYMN 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 42

The Statement of Faith (in unison)

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Father Teach Me How to Pray"
- Keese

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Herbster W. C. Perry

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

IEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Peter 4:7-11

EDITATION

Our Nurture in the Faith Mr. Hamilton

- Randy finds some clues
- The Sling and the Swallow

IYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be" ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen" "We Praise Thee" OSTLUDE - Buxtehude

*Congregation will stand

LOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our High School and College Graduates by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell.

E ARE DELIGHTED to have as our liturgist today Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Herbster will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at Memorial Gymnasium at 11:00 A. M. today. Commencement speaker at the Elon College Graduation tomorrow at 10:30 A. M. will be Dr. Frank Hamilton. Members of our church family who will graduate from Elon College are Dee Colclough and David Nichols.

UR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE:

David Crutchfield, Fred Holt, Jinna Jeffreys Moon, Jim MacDonald, Patricia Perry, David Roser, Jeffrey Shumar, Sherleen Smith, Charles Terrell, Jon White, Anne Colclough, Floyd Rich, Ervin Williams, Ava Turner, Cindy Shoe, Patsy Beamon, Melinda King, Cheryl Trollinger.

HE ELON YOUTH will not meet this evening.

RTICLES for the Torch should be in the secretary's office by Tuesday morning.



SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

May 26, 196

John 7:33-3

John's Gospel defines the "rivers of living water" as God's Spirit. Thu the Christian is to be a channel of the Spirit's life-giving power. But it John the task of the Spirit is to make present and interpret now the who meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry then. Therefore, the task of Christian finally, is to let our lives flow with the same divine love with which Jesu loved the world.

LOSS AND GAIN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

In all of Southern Africa—in Angola, South Africa, and Rhodesia—the story is much the same. Missionary personnel from America at decreasing in number. Some few have been deported as "undesirab aliens." Others have found their work increasingly circumscribed at negated by government policies. Many have returned to the States of furlough only to find that they may not return. In some situations the is planned withdrawal of personnel.

Yet, all is not loss. The Church in these southern nations has turned more and more to African leaders, young men and women who represe the chief fruit of the mission. One such woman is Sister Bessie Dhliway Nurse-in-Charge at the Sister Buck Memorial Hospital at Chikor Rhodesia, where the United Church Board for World Ministries h supported medical work for many years. Mrs. Dhliwayo, called "Siste in the British tradition because she is a nurse, took her medical training in Edinburgh. Her husband, David, received his college education in the United States under sponsorship of the UCBWM. The increased reance of the church upon such able African Christian leaders as these conly be seen as gain.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

June 2, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" - Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor and Choir

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

THE LITANY FOR PENTECOST

O God, the Father of glory, who didst give Jesus Christ thy Son to be the chief cornerstone of the Church:

HAVE MERCY UPON US.

O Spirit of Holiness and Truth, the sanctifier and guide of the Church:

HAVE MERCY UPON US.

For the innumerable company out of every nation and race and tongue who now make up the Church of Christ:

THANKS BE TO THEE, O GOD.

For our unity in Christ, which, in spite of many differences, draws us together in one community of faith and love and service:

THANKS BE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the many evidences that the Holy Spirit is bringing about a deeper Christian fellowship and an increasing co-operation among Christians:

THANKS BE TO THEE, O GOD.

O Eternal God, who didst send thy Holy Spirit upon the Church on the day of Pentecost, and hast promised that this Spirit shall abide with us forever; let this same Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with thy gifts, refresh us with thy comfort, rule our hearts in all things, and lead us in the way everlasting.

AMEN.

The Gloria Patri

NTHEM "How Firm A Foundation" - arr. by Parker

HE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

HE OFFERING

Offertory "Allegro" - Dandrieu
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

YMN 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(Children in the third grade and younger may be dismissed for Junior Church at this time.)

EW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2

ERMON The Church Has A Birthday

YMN 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers"
ENEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless You"
OSTLUDE "Built on the Rock" - Peeters

*Congregation will stand

LOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. Chester Huey by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gilliam of Greensboro, N. C.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet June 9 at 8:00 P. M.



PENTECOST

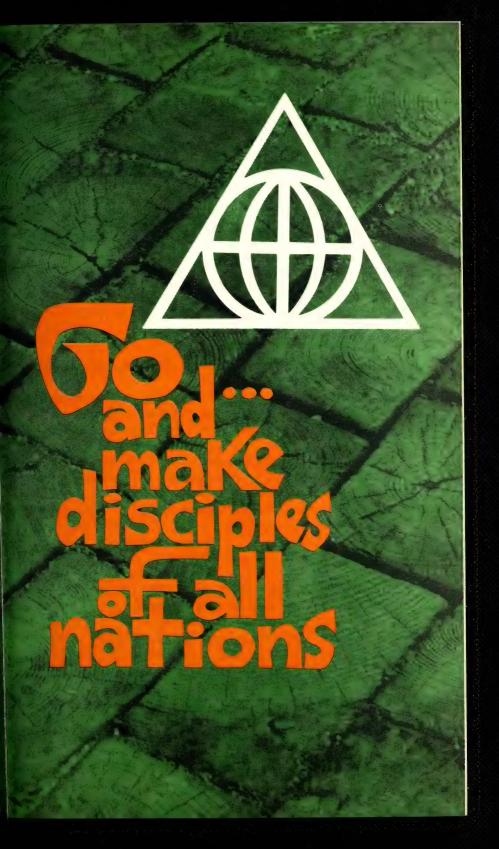
June 2, 196

John 14:15-2

Pentecost celebrates the gift of God's Spirit to us. As "the Spirit of truth" he makes present now the Christ who came as "the truth." John's Gospel affirms that Christians do not simply wait for some future coming of Christ. By the Spirit he has come, and comes now, to be present with the Father in the hearts and lives of those who are open thim and who respond to his love for them.

Our lives are the intended place where the joy of Christ's presence with us shines from our faces and the radiance of his love guides ou feet into paths of sharing his peace—his wholeness and health—with every human being.

The Spirit is not just some warm feeling. He is the power of truth a work—the personal truth of Christ, whose love conquers the distortion of our personal relationships and whose presence dispels our lonesome fears. To let him dwell in us and work through us in a troubled work is to celebrate the truth of Pentecost.



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN MEMORY OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

June 9, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "I Come and Seek Thee"

- Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "Spirit of the Living God"

J. S. Graves

Church To Worship

UNISON PRAYER

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

* The Gloria Patri

Psalm 25

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Statement of Faith (in unison)

ANTHEM "Create in me a clean heart, O God" - Mueller

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord" HE OFFERING

Offertory "Blessed Jesus, We are Here" - Bach The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

EW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 14

ERMON Dealing With Differences T. R. Hamilton

YMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

ENEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in Peace" HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Magnificat Fugue" - Pachelbel

*Congregation will stand

HURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: 6:00 P.M. A program for parents and friends of the Primary Choir

7:00 P.M. The Elon Youth are having

"Recreation Night"

8:00 P.M. Board of Deacons, Hunter Room.

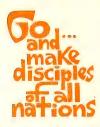
MONDAY: 8:00 P.M. General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship in this sanctuary. Ladies, remember to bring health kits and old eye glasses for our Overseas Missions.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY - the third annual meeting of the Southern Conference will be held with our church and the College as hosts. This congregation is especially invited to the Tuesday night Worship Service in this sanctuary at 7:15 o'clock.

LOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. G. C. Crutchfield, Jr., by Mrs. Crutchfield and family.

OLY BAPTISM is bestowed today upon Jeanne Stevens Grimley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grimley, III.





TRINITY

June 9, 196

Matthew 28:16-2

We can link the wood of the cross to the wooden paving blocks depicted on the cover. The outstretched arms of the cross reach out to a the streets of the world. They point to a love that wants to be declare to every man and that invites the whole world to receive the gift of God' creating, redeeming, and sustaining presence in human life.

Trinity Sunday celebrates this three-fold activity of God. The whit symbol on the cover points to these three dimensions with a triangl whose center lies in the cross that covers the world. In the love of the cross the heart of God's creating, redeeming, and sustaining wor in the world, expressed in terms of Father, Son, and Spirit, is mad known in a person who "has come to us and shared our common lot."

The call to go and make disciples of all nations is not an expressio of Christian imperialism. It is a call to share the best that we know. It is a call to open ourselves to every man in the name of him who had opened his heart to all and whose presence continues to create, redeen and sustain the life of the world.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

June 16, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Chorale on a Melody"

- Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

UNISON PRAYER

Gather us, our God, in the fellowship of thy faithful people. Remind us that we are thy church, chosen to be servants of all men. Pardon our failures and give us the will and the power to minister in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN 470 "God of the Prophets"

DEDICATION OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)
* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Out of the Deep"

- Schmutzler

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, be gracious unto us"

PERIOD OF CHURCH INFORMATION

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Nicaea" - Willan

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

of

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1968

SEVEN-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE SINGING OF HYMNS	
THE PRELUDE—Hymn Tunes	Selected
THE CALL TO WORSHIP	
THE CHORAL INTROIT—"Spirit of the Living God"	
THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER	
*HYMN-No. 300: "Rise Up, O Men of God!"	
THE READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE	
ANTHEM—"God So Loved the World"	Stainer
THE EVENING PRAYERS	
THE OFFERING The Offertory—"We Pray Now"But *The Doxology *The Prayer of Thanksgiving	xtehud€
ANTHEM—"Sing to the Lord"	Haydn
THE PREACHING OF THE SERMON	

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in Holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

He calls us into his church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers
of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

*HYMN—No. 446: "God the Omnipotent!"

*COMMISSION—

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION —

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE—"March Triomphale" ____ Karg-Elert
*Congregation Standing

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgists:

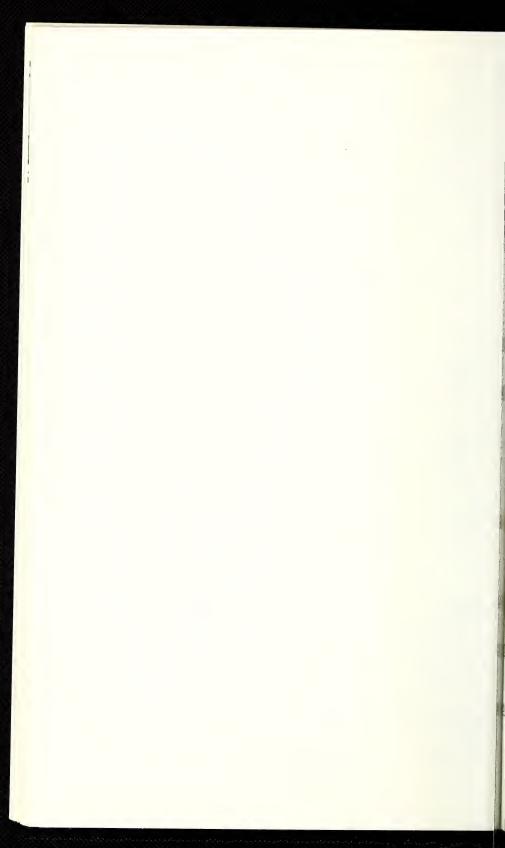
The Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton,
Pastor, the Elon College Community Church
The Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister,
Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ

The Preacher: The Rev. Joseph H. Evans, Secretary, the Untied Church of Christ

The Choir Director: Professor Jack O. White

The Organist: Mrs. Albert B. Gminder

The Choir: Choir Members from Area Churches
The Acolytes: John Baxter and Wade Wood



MMN 389 "O God of Bethel"

EW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 26:9-20

ERMON

Ministering to Ministers

MN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ENEDICTION and Response "Grant us Thy Peace" HIMES AND POSTLUDE "Let us all with Gladsome Voice"

*Congregation will stand

LOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the family.

MILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the church yard. Bring a covered dish - beverage will be provided. At 4:30 the young people will play the adults in a game of slowpitch softball at the Elementary School ball field. Everyone is invited to Family Night which is being sponsored by our Laymen's Fellowship.

ACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow morning at 9:00 at which time everyone will meet in the sanctuary. On Friday evening at 7:30 the children will present a program for family and friends.

IRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

IE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM was administered to John Carter Gerlach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerlach, last evening in this sanctuary.

MY THANKS to all those in our church who helped in various ways this past week in the annual Southern Conference meeting.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 16, 196

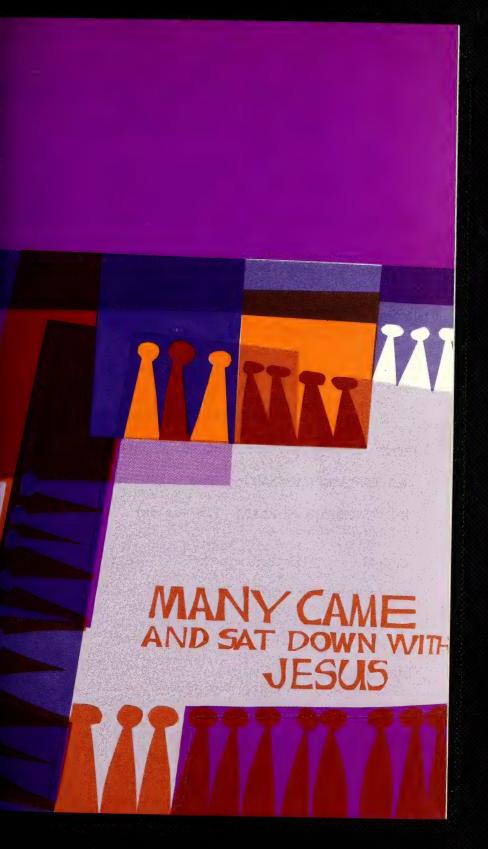
Matthew 13:31-3

Whoever would have thought that the life of a Jewish youth in the politically subjugated land of Palestine nearly 2,000 years ago would lead to a community of faith that embraces men in every country of the world? The little seed of God's kingdom—his loving rule—in Jesus ha grown into a plant whose branches cover the earth. Today we can celebrate the gift of that same seed to us and our children. Who know where the power of God's loving rule may lead if we let that seed grow in us and in them?

ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

While hundreds of thousands of Americans move every year from on part of the country to another, there are some 351,000 migratory farr wage workers who are always on the move. These workers and thei families are caught in a constant round of planting and chopping, prunin and picking, from Florida to Maine, from California to Michigan. The follow the crops. With few exceptions they are poorly paid, poorl housed, poorly educated.

To minister to such families as these, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and many United Church Conferences join with the National Migrant Ministry and the several State Migrant Ministrie across the country. What sorts of service does the church seek to provide? First, there are direct services to families and children: church schools, clinics, and day care centers. Increasingly, however, the emphasis is placed on indirect self-help projects. We are helping migrar workers to obtain better wages and a better way of life for themselve and their families as a result of their own efforts.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

June 23, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Lead Thou On"

- Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister and Choir

INVOCATION PRAYER

Our minds are too set upon our own affairs; turn them now toward Thee, O God. Let our whisperings be a prayer to Thee and help us to hear thy voice also. May this hour of worship fit us to love Thee more and serve Thee better.

Amen.

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 138

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me" arr. by Noble Cain

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Strong Son of God"

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

- Willan

*HYMN 98 "My God, I Thank Thee"

RMON If Anyone Thinks He is Religious.....

MN 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (stanzas 1 & 2)

NNEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
IIMES and Postlude "Darwall" - Willan

40.

*Congregation will stand

OWERS today are given to the Glory of God by the family of Mr. Marshall W. Hook and in memory of him on his birthday.

E CHURCH WOMEN of the Southern Conference will meet here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Registration will begin at 10:30 Tuesday morning.

VAI THANKS to the staff and others who helped in the Vacation Church School this past week. A special word of appreciation to our Women's Fellowship who served refreshments each morning.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL at Concord, N. C. is Mrs. J.C. Watts. To her we send our very best wishes for a quick recovery.

VOTIONAL LITERATURE, both family and personal, for July and August is placed on the table in the narthex. Please get yours as you leave today.

GISTRATION BLANKS for summer camp can be found on the easel in the narthex. Some openings are still available, especially for Junior High and Senior High young people.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 23, 196

Matthew 9:9-1

One of the most striking aspects of Jesus' life was his eating with despise and outcast people. He got into trouble because he didn't just cultivat the "right people." That table fellowship pointed to Jesus' barries breaking and healing ministry of sharing life with those for whom nobod else cared. Our gathering at the Lord's Table now is to be that sam kind of barrier-breaking and healing fellowship. He calls us to his table not because we are the "right people" but because we need the healin of our own poor and prejudiced lives.

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

Early next month, some 2,250 people will gather at Uppsala, Sweder for the fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. More tha 100 of the nearly 800 official delegates will come from Asia, more tha 80 from Africa, and about 20 from Latin America. Some 40 will be Australasians, while Europe will be represented by more than 300 an North America by 180 (of these 14 will be from the United Church of Christ). These figures reflect the numerical strength of member churche on each continent.

Within the broad outline of the Assembly's theme, "Behold, I Mak All Things New," church leaders will focus on six major topics: The Church's Unity in a Shrinking World, The Church in Mission, The Churches' Role in Social and Economic Development, The Churches Role in International Affairs, The Worship of God in a Secular Aga and Towards a New Style of Living.

Closer cooperation with the major non-member churches, such a the Roman Catholic Church and conservative evangelical bodies, wi be an important subject for attention. Taking advantage of contemporar techniques, conference planners, including Dr. Alford Carleton, Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries have scheduled a number of visual presentations. These will featur the concerns of youth, Christian education, and mission in a world cities.



AND IS FOUND



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist June 30, 1968 11:00 A. M. PRELUDE "My Inmost Heart Doth Long" - Brahms CALL TO WORSHIP Minister and Choir PRAYER OF INVOCATION *HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UNISON READING 131, p. 546 * The Gloria Patri ANTHEM "In All Things I Sought Rest" - Pasquet THE SERVICE OF PRAYER The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Incline Thine Ear to Us" THE OFFERING Offertory "Blessed are Ye Faithful" - Brahms The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication *HYMN 225 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 13 (Good News Edition)

SERMON "I, ____, take thee ____, ..."

*HYMN 465 "O Perfect Love"

ENEDICTION and Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
HIMES and Postlude "Fugue in F" - Pachelbel

*Congregation will stand

IRCLES MEET THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

ircle 1, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. J.B.MacDonald ircle 2, Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. T. A. Boland ircle 3, Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Miss Caroline Powell ircle 4, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. W.R.Pendergrass ircle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. John Truitt ircle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Howard Loy

DDAY, at 4:00 P. M., the ROSE GARDEN at the Elon Home for Children will be dedicated. Everyone is invited to attend.

Communion will be observed.

TENDING CAMP MOONELON this week from our church are:
Emily Alexander, Nancy Boyd, Olga Griswold,
Eddie Hassell, Joy Hamilton, Gail Reynolds,
Wes Reynolds, Cindy Rinker, Jane Updyke.

WS ARTICLES for the Torch are due in the secretary's office by Tuesday morning of this week.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. We would ask our visitors to please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

EETERS at the door today are D. M. McLelland and P. R. Mann. Serving as Acolytes are Reggie White and Mark Danieley.

S. J. C. WATTS remains in Concord Memorial Hospital but is reported to be recuperating nicely.

HE WAS LOST...



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 30, 196

Luke 15:11-3

Lost things often seem to concern us more than lost people, and some times we may be lost right in the middle of our life in the church. The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the story of two lost sons, the one awa from home and the other right at home. The lostness of the one at hom shows itself in his pouting failure to rejoice when the one away wa "found." The self-satisfaction of an in-group marks the lostness of it members. A group that opens itself to those "away" discovers wit rejoicing that in the reunion, two who were lost have been found.

THERE'S "HOPE" FOR CLEVELAND

What will this summer bring to Cleveland and to the other majo cities of America? Will the coming weeks be longer and hotter than eve as people still caught in the ghetto continue their struggle to find solt tions to major human problems? The chances are that unless much more is done—and soon—there may be more riots, more burning more looting, more demonstrations.

Yet, in Cleveland at least, there is HOPE (Housing Our People Economically) organized three years ago to seek rehabilitation of vacan inadequate buildings, human renewal, and job training. Rev. Walter F. Grevatt, Jr., Minister of Community Renewal of the Hough Avenu United Church of Christ, was the first chairman of HOPE's board of directors. In 1966 the Western Reserve Association of the Ohio Conference and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries joined fivother denominations, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and the Greater Cleveland Council of Churches to co-sponsor this endeavo

What has HOPE accomplished? The first rent-supplement apartme project (21 units) has been completed and occupied. A second proje (60 units) is nearly finished. Three single and two-family homes hav been substantially rehabilitated and eight more are under way. Alt gether, HOPE anticipates a total of 200 units available by the end 1968—half of the "Four Hundred Houses for Hough" which was the goal set a year ago.

YOU die the LIGHT WORLD



Phone: 584-9294 Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

July 7, 1968

11:00 A. M

ORGAN PRELUDE "Benedictus"

- Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People: Let us worship and bow down;

Let us come before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God and we are his people.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 1-16

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb of God"

- Wesley

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "When on the Cross" - Bacl

* Choral Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 287 "Here, O My Lord" (stanzas 1, 2, 5)

MEDITATION A Light on the Nation

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect
General Confession

General Confession (in unison)

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Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving

HYMN 433 "God of Our Fathers"

BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE "Sanctus" - Scheidt

*Congregation will stand

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open Communion", inviting all profession Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

WE ARE DELIGHTED to have Dr. William J. Elzey,
Chaplain-elect of Elon College, serving as our
liturgist of the morning.

FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott and in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cotten.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

THE PARSONAGE FAMILY will be on vacation from July 10 to 17. They may be reached in any emergency or need by calling Mrs. W. C. Perry or Mr. T. L. Smith. Guest minister on July 14 will be Dr. W. T. Scott.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 7, 196 Matthew 5:13-1

Light is a central biblical symbol. The prophet Isaiah speaks of Israe as a "light to the nations," and Matthew's Gospel reaffirms, in word of Jesus, "you are the light of the world." But that light is not one gen erated by ourselves. Its source lies in the God who is *the* light of me:

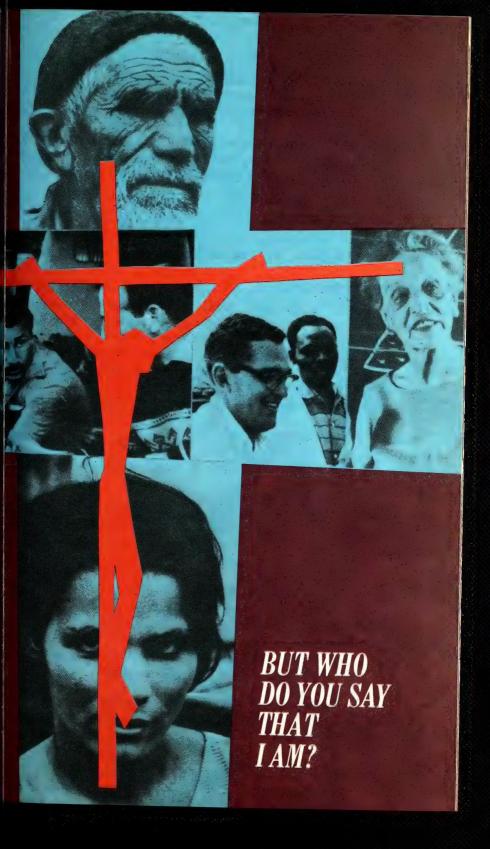
—the light whose full radiance reaches us in Jesus Christ. What a po tential more than 600 million Christians have for reflecting the radian love of their Lord in the dark spots of the world's need!

HELPING THE LITTLE PEOPLE

In this revolutionary age when tremendous changes leave their mark in every part of the world, nearly every nation seems to have certain isolated groups which change passes by. It is the easiest thing in the world to ignore the "little people"—the isolated, disadvantaged unorganized minorities whose ethnic characteristics set them off as strangers in their own land.

In the Philippines, for example, nearly half a million aborigines live a most primitive life in the densely forested mountain regions. Here the service arm of the churches on the island of Mindanao has teamed up with Southern Christian College, an institution of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, in an attack on the issues. Two villages of the Bogobo tribe, once victimized by loan sharks, and suffering chronic malnutrition and occasional actual starvation, have over the past five years become surplus food and income producing units.

Southern Christian College now has young tribesmen in teacher training in home economics, mechanics, and in agricultural courses. A Folk School for the older population concentrates as much on govern ment, citizenship and the Christian view of man and his relationships as on technology. The experiment is moving out into two additional tribal areas this year. Its very success is contagious, a constructive pressure on government. Our part in this has been through support of the Mindanao Christian Service Foundation made possible by our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing—Share Our Substance Offering.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Organist

July 14, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

- Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: With what shall we come before the Lord?

People: The Lord has shown us what is good and

what he requires of us:

Unison: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with the Lord God.

to wark numbry with the nord God.

Choir: "O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 31 "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Thou Who Hast Taught Us"

- Pasquet

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Alleluia" - Van Hulse

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 102 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church.)

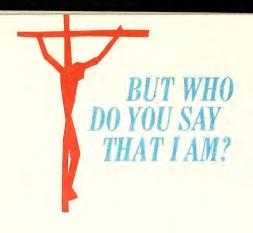
ERMON Some Signs and Sins of our Times

YMN 485 "This is My Father's World"
ENEDICTION and Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
OSTLUDE "Toccata in E" - Pachelbel

*Congregation will stand

- T IS A PRIVILEGE to welcome to our pulpit today

 Dr. William T. Scott, former Superintendent of the
 Southern Convention, and a member of this congregation. Our minister and family will return from
 a week's vacation on Wednesday.
- LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Edith Moore Cole by her sister, Miss Georgie Moore.
- UR CAMPERS this week, all attending Moonelon, are:
 John Baxter, Kay Matlock, Reggie White and
 Debbie Wood.
- HE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 2 to 4:00 P.M., in the Parish House.
- MCRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pilkington upon the birth of Brent Ahren Pilkington on July 6.
- HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday at 8:00 P. M. in the Hunter Room.
- Brafford. Reggie White and John Baxter are the acolytes. Serving in the nursery are Mrs. Guy Veazey and Mrs. E. W. Vickers, Sr.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 14, 1968 Luke 9:18-26

In Jesus' time many of his countrymen were hoping for a mighty political deliverer. This was their understanding of God's chosen servant that is his Messiah or Christ. A suffering and crucified Messiah? This was for them a contradiction in terms. The question on our front cover reflects this quandary and calls for decision. Will we cling to a desire for crushing power? Or will we see our true hope in him whose self-giving love wins our hearts and whose out-stretched cross calls us also to stretch out our arms in love for all people.

A GIFT OF VEGETABLES AND BERRIES

If you happened to be driving through one of New England's lovely valleys last summer you might have stopped at a particular fruit and vegetable stand by the side of the road. If you did, you may not have been aware of the fact that you helped *Our Christian World Mission*.

Last fall a member of the United Church of Christ congregation in this small New England community wrote to our United Church Board

for World Ministries. His brief letter speaks for itself:

"In 1966 I retired. As a hobby I raise vegetables and berries. I wish to give the gross amount that I received from this project to the United Church Board for World Ministries, to be used where you feel the need is greatest. Enclosed please find check for twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00)."

It may well be that the writer of this letter is hard at work agair this summer tending his vegetables and his berries, cultivating, weeding, picking the produce and selling it to those who pass by. A gift of twelve hundred dollars represents a tremendous lot of vegetables and berries! Yet, it is a small world and the men and women, young people and children on six continents who were the ultimate recipients of his gift would want to stop by and say, "Thank you."



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July 21, 1968

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Adagio"

- Bennett

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to his holy Name,

People: To declare his steadfast love in the morning and his faithfulness by night.

Choir: "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)
* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Rejoice, Ye Hearts, Be Glad and Sing"-Butler

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER.

The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Spirit of the Living God"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Most Gracious Lord" - Reger
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 265 "O God, Within Whose Sight"
(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church.)

RMON The Ecumenical Consensus

MN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ...
"NEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
IIMES and Postlude "Grand Choeur in C" - Chauvet

*Congregation Standing

- WELCOME each of you as you worship with us today.
 We would ask our visitors to please sign the Guest
 Book in the narthex.
 - Greeting at the door today are W. R. Pendergrass and J. B. Long. John MacDonald and Mark Danieley are the acolytes. Serving in the nursery are Mrs. Wesley Reynolds and Mrs. George Shumar.
- JR MINISTER will serve this week as a counselor at Moonelon. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr.
- THE BURLINGTON AREA CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHEP will hold their quarterly Dinner Meeting at Bethlehem Church on Thursday evening at 7:00. Please make your reservation with Dee Atkinson by Tuesday.
- DSPITALIZED: Mrs. W. L. Oakley is a patient at Alamance County Hospital; Mrs. Philip Marino has returned home from Memorial Hospital.
- TYOUR COPY of the Southern Conference News, July-August issue, from the table in the narthex as you leave the sanctuary today.
- E JUNIOR CHURCH for younger children is led each
 Sunday by Mrs. W. W. Sloan and Dr. A. B. Gminder.
 Additional adult leadership is needed for August.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 21, 190 Matthew 21:28-3

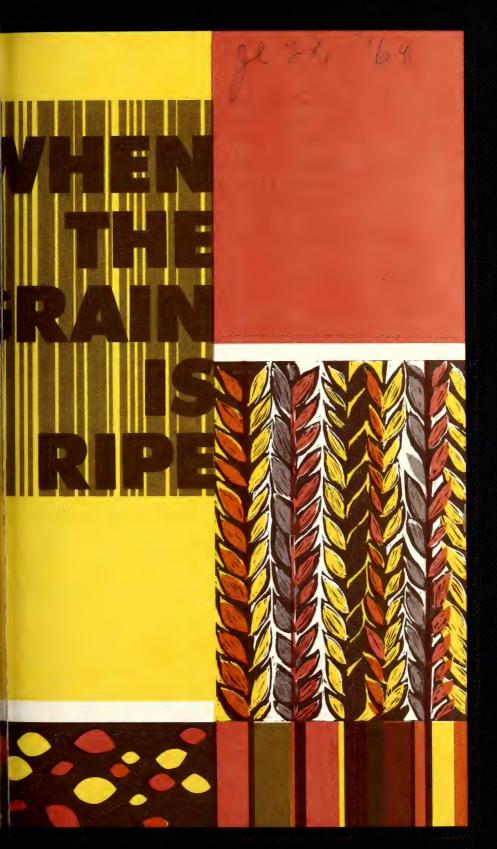
"What you do speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say." This come close to the picture of the two sons in our Gospel reference. One say he would work and did not. The other said he would not but later did It is the contrast between the religious in-group who paid only a barre lip-service to their belief, and the religious outcasts who later bore frum The call to work as the Father's sons is not first a demand. It is the gi of being able to share that work which restores human life. Mere ta leaves empty branches. Participation brings joyous fruit.

A NEW ROLE FOR L'ACCUEIL FRATERNEL

The students at L'Acceuil Fraternel, the Ecumenical Center for Missionary Orientation, in the small French village of Le Chambo sur-Lignon, high in the plateau region of Southeastern France, a learning far more than "La plume de ma tante est bleu." These st dents, more than fifty of them—men, women and children—are mi sionary families. This Ecumenical Center is the first stop in the journe which takes them from half a dozen nations to French-speaking mi sion fields around the world.

L'Accueil Fraternel was created in the years following World W. II as an international, intercultural lay training center dedicated Christian education for peace. During the past two years under the crection of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Ziffer, representatives of the Unite Church Board for World Ministries, the Center has discovered a ne role vital to the world-wide mission of the church.

In their weeks or months in Le Chambon, missionary families fro Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany, Canada and the Unite States find themselves thrust into a community in which they lea both to speak and to think in French. Yet, while the teaching French is the official task of the center, the ecumenical experience at the spirit which it creates is an equally important result. Through the United Church Board for World Ministries we provide, beyond the sary of the Ziffers, more than \$17,000 each year toward this important part of Our Christian World Mission.



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July 28, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"
- Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change and the mountains shake.

Liturgist: The Lord of hosts is with us; People: The Lord of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir: "O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 372 "How Firm a Foundation" (omit stanza 5)

PSALTER READING 88, page 528 in hymnal * The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "More Love to Thee, O Christ" - Speaks

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Moderato" - Vyverman

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

HYMN 370 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8

SERMON

His We Are

HYMN 97 "God of Our Life" BENEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Peace" POSTLUDE "See the Conqueror" - Van Hulse

*Congregation Standing

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us today. A special welcome to Jay Ogden, a student at Elon College, who is serving as our liturgist today.

OUR BEST WISHES go to Giles W. Longest and Lessie Burke who were married in this sanctuary yesterday. The altar flowers today are given in their honor.

CIRCLE 3 will have their annual picnic for members and their families Monday at 6:30 P. M. at the Parish House.

OUR CAMPERS THIS WEEK ARE: Joe McLelland and Mark Rinker at Moonelon; Buddy Boyd, Tommy Hamilton and Robin Smith at John's River.

ARTICLES FOR THE TORCH this week should be in the Secretary"s office by Tuesday morning.

SERVING TODAY:

Greeters: H. R. Richardson and J. Mark McAdams

Acolytes: Wade Wood and John Baxter Nursery: Mrs. Larry Barnes

Mrs. George D. Colclough



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 28, 196

Mark 4:26-2

Jesus compared God's reign to a seed whose history moves from plan ing to harvest. In Jesus' coming itself we see the planted seed of God reign that moves through history toward its full maturity. But the power at work is always the same: God's reign of loving concern for the world. This picture of world history has its miniature in each of our historie. The gift of his love is planted in each of us and seeks to move towar the "ripened grain" of lives that express ever more fully his love for the world.

WORKING THEMSELVES OUT OF A JOB

"The ultimate goal," says United Church Board for World Minitries Missionary Bill Tolley, "is for missionaries to work themselve out of a job." Tolley, who with his wife Nancy and four children live in Ghana, has been helping to train catechists and evangelists at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Seminary at Peki Blengo, Ghansince 1965. In recent years, largely due to problems of financing, the church has had some difficulty in placing evangelists. The Church is therefore, working toward raising the standards of evangelists alread in the field, some of whom have had little formal training and, in som instances, distressingly meagre educational background. Many, how ever, are qualified teachers fully employed in the school system.

A new program will bring the men back for one term of formal training at Peki Blengo, followed by a year of supervised work in their vilages. A new group will be brought in each term until all have had the refresher course. Another program for training catechists will bring students from the teacher training colleges during their long vacation. At the end of their college training, these men would be presented for consecration by the church as catechists.

Since the Tolleys have been at Peki, staff responsibilities at the seminary have gradually been shifted from missionary personnel of Ghanaian leaders. The Rev. C. K. Dovlo, a Ghanaian, was appointed principal last year. The missionaries have indeed been working them selves out of a job.

tor Whoever my father in heaven is my brother and Sister and mother

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August 4, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Magnificat V" - M. Dupre
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel; as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

"Magnificat VI" Gloria. - M. Dupre

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Together let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN 402 "Jesus, Wherever Thy People Meet"

PSALTER READING 89, page 528 in hymnal
* The Gloria Patri

SOLO "The Greatest of These is Love" Mr. Gwaltney

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Our Father in Heaven Who Art" -Bach |
Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Offertory Prayer

HYMN 223 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church.)

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Genesis 22:1-18
Matthew 12:46-50

SERMON Abraham: A Pioneer in Obedience

HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

OSTLUDE "Maestoso" - H. Schroeder

*Congregation will stand

WELCOME each of you as you worship with us today.

We ask that our visitors please sign the Guest
Register in the narthex.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

IRCLES MEET THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

ircle 1, Monday at 10:00 A.M. in the Hunter Rocm ircle 2, Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. C. C. Johnson ircle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Sam Webster ircle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. J. B. Long

UR CAMPERS this week are Mary Ann Eutler and Charlotte Hughes who will both be at John's River.

HE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Parish House from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.

EXT SUNDAY our guest preacher will be Dr. John G. Truitt.

REETERS today are D. M. McLelland and George Colclough.

Mrs. Malvin Artley and Mrs. Frances Wood are serving in the nursery.



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 4, 196 Matthew 12:46-5

Jesus proclaims that belonging to God's family is not a matter of bioi ogy but of obedience. His true family is that great host of persons from many generations and many lands who have gratefully responded to their adoption as his children. God's purpose "to save all people from aimlessness and sin" has become their purpose, for it is that purpose that has given them a new joy and a new direction to share. "God' will" is no meaningless, pious phrase. As expressed in Jesus, that will calls for the concrete deeds that make human life whole and that expand his grateful family.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING DOWN MAINE

For a hundred years the little white clapboard churches of Aroos took County have ministered to their dwindling congregations. Time have changed and population has shifted in this northernmost county o New England. Recently, the United Church of Christ undertook to create a new kind of organization, the Aroostook Cooperative Ministry. This new ministry will center in Fort Kent and Ashland.

Unlike traditional ministries of the church, the Aroostook Coopera tive Ministry will not be in some static location waiting for people to come to church, but rather it will be a ministry on the move going to wherever people are to be found—in their homes, at hospitals, on the campus, at work. It will not be designed to replace the existing churches, but to fill in the gaps left by vacant pulpits and abandone buildings as it continues the ministries of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care, and motivates people for community development.

Through the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board fo Homeland Ministries, you help support this important new thrust o

Our Christian World Mission.

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August 11, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue ("Cathedral")

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

People: The whole earth is full of his glory.

Minister: The Lord is in his holy temple:

People: Let all the earth keep silence before

him

Choir: "O Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

PSALTER READING 106, page 537 in hymnal * The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Glory Be to God on High"

- C. Mueller

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Antiphon III - M. Dupre
* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Cwn"

* Offertory Prayer

HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 10: 16-24

SERMON

What Did They See?

Dr. Truitt

HYMN 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Grant Us Thy Peace"

POSTLUDE Prelude (Suite Medievale) - J. Langlais

*Congregation Standing

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Especially we would greet our visitors, requesting that you sign our Guest Register in the Narthex. Return to worship with us often.

OUR GUEST MINISTER is Dr. John G. Truitt, former
Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children and
a member of this congregation. We delight in his
return to our pulpit. Our Pastor is on vacation
until Wednesday, but may be reached in any
emergency or need by calling the church office or
Mrs. T. L. Smith.

Church Worship Service, beginning at 9:30 A. M. A Nursery for younger children will be provided as usual. The Summer Baccalaureate Commencement of Elon College will be held in this Sanctuary at 10:30 A. M. The Reverend Mr. Hoyle Whiteside will deliver the sermon. The congregation is invited.

HE CONGREGATION JOINS in an expression of Christian

Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Mark McAdams upon the
death of her brother, Chester V. Strader of
Greensboro on August 3; and to Rev and Mrs. Guy
Veazey upon the death of his brother, L. M. Veazey
of Tifton, Georgia on August 4.

... who on one pearl value finding one pearl

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 11, 1968 Matthew 13:44-46

The person who becomes aware of God's reign of love does not make it one "valuable" among others. All other valuables put together cannot compare with the "pearl" of a love that accepts us as we are. Such love enables us to live in a new atmosphere. We are free to live with genuine concern for others because we have known God's genuine concern for us. We are free from the enslaving quest to make other things or other people the source of our security. We are free for reflecting the radiance of God's pearl of love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

One of the most significant events in the history of modern India was the participation of more than a hundred Protestant and Roman Catholic colleges and universities in an eighteen-month self-study project co-sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Vatican and financed by the Ford Foundation. This project resulted in a consultation last year at Madras Christian College attended by 110 college principals and presidents.

All kinds of creative ideas emerged from this study—proposals for library development, faculty research fellowships, curriculum revision, student government and counseling. The end result of all this was the creation of a new National Board of Christian Higher Education in India. Its first chairman is a Protestant, its executive secretary, a Roman Catholic Jesuit.

This new development contains the hope and promise for increased academic and intellectual freedom of the more than a dozen colleges and universities in India to which we are related through our United Church Board for World Ministries.



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August 25, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Trumpet in Dialogue" - L. Clerambault
"Elevation" (Mass for the Convents)" - Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Morrison

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Together let us worship the Lord.

Choir: "O come, let us worship and bow down"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Micah 6
Mark 7:1-8

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "How Firm a Foundation" arr. A. Parker

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear us, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Trio en Passacaille" - A. Raison

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

YMN 385 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

ERMON As Modern As Missles Mr. Hamilton

YMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"
ENEDICTION and Response "Let us now depart in peace"
OSTLUDE "Basse de Trompette (Mass for the Convents)"
- F. Couperin

*Congregation will stand

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us today. Especially we welcome as our Liturgist of the day the Reverend Mr. James Morrison, Field Associate of the Southern Conference.

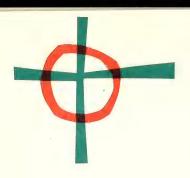
LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. R. S. Shomaker by Mrs. Shomaker and family.

HE NATIONAL CONFERENCE on Christian Education will be held at the University of Notre Dame August 27-30. Attending from our church will be Miss Joan Anderson, Miss Ruth Dunn, and Dr. and Mrs. Sloan.

HE ADULT CHOIR will resume this week their schedule of rehearsing each Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the sanctuary. New members are always sought and an open invitation is extended to all to share in this ministry of music.

EWS ITEMS for the next TORCH are due in the office of the Church Secretary by Tuesday of this week.

HIS EVENING from 6:30-8:30 o'clock, softball and swimming are open to our congregation at the Elon Home for Children.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 25, 196 Luke 7:36-5

The proclamation on our front cover lies at the heart of the Christia Good News. If sin is the basic distortion of our relationships with Go and man, forgiveness brings the healing of the break and the beginnin of new life. We may let the vertical beam of the cross symbolize th link between God and man, and the horizontal beam, the link between man and man. Christ's coming is the supreme act in which Go reaches out to us to heal our rebellion against him and to enable us t forgive one another and share in his healing of all human brokenness.

A SECOND CENTURY ON TAIWAN

In 1965, the Protestant churches of Taiwan celebrated 100 years c Christian mission. But the simple fact was that despite high soundin phrases like "Into the Second Century Together," the churches of Taiwan found themselves floundering with no clear sense of direction. Then, two years ago, an ad hoc meeting of the most forward-looking leadership of the Church determined to develop in creative forms of Christian service beyond the earlier self-serving goals of doubling the membership and number of churches which had been established. The Church, they said, must reach out with concern to benefit others, to change society, if it is to be faithful to its Lord.

So it was that the New Century Mission Movement began to take shape. A five year plan began with a new conception of the nature and mission of the Church, and moved on to challenge the churches repeat edly and concretely to develop forms of creative response to the tribal the rural, the urban-industrial and the overseas communities. In May o last year the plan was shared with other denominations, including the Roman Catholics. All were enthusiastic. These next years will be a se rious test of the vitality of Taiwan's New Century Mission Movement But regardless of the outcome, the churches in Taiwan can never be the same again. For many dedicated Christians there, the Church has been turned "inside out," confronting needs outside of itself.

was hungry nd you we me food



as naked you clothed me





9 was sick and you visited me



9 was a stranger and you welcomed me 9 was thirsty and you gave me drink



9 was in prison and you welcomed me



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September 1, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Festal Song on 'Rise Up, O Men of God'"
- S. Bingham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.
People: Let us exalt his name together!

*HYMN 11 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

INVOCATION

ANTHEM "Glory and Honor" - S. Rachmaninoff

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERING

Offertory "On a Chant Theme" - P. H. Servaes
Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

HYMN 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (stanza 1) (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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YMN 102 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
ENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
OSTLUDE "Fugue on the Kyrie" - F. Couperin

*Congregation will stand

Some of the members of the Elon College football team have arrived early, and we welcome them to worship with us.

Guest Minister today is the Reverend Dr. Albert Gminder, chairman of the Department of Languages of Elon College and a member of this congregation. Our Pastor is the Homecoming speaker today at St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, Lincolnton, N.C., where he once served as minister. He and his family will return today or tomorrow.

TAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation to wife and mother.

ICAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, two scheduled meetings have been postponed a week:

The Board of Deacons will meet Sept. 8 at 7:30;
The General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held Sept. 9 at 7:30 P.M.

CIENTATION CLASS for new members and associate members will meet here Tuesday evening at 7:30 and go to the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, III. An open invitation is extended to all who may be considering membership in our church.

TE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC will meet this Tuesday in the Parish House from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.





THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 19

Labor Sunday

Matthew 25:31-

For Christians, a concern for human need is no optional extra. It a daily demand upon those who have been grasped by the love of Chris Failure here is no mild misdemeanor. It is a shattering felony again Him who meets us in those who need our help. "As you did it to one the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Labor Sunday is time to celebrate only the just successes of organized labor. It is a tin also to recognize that the final purpose of all our work is to enhance and ennoble the lives of all people.

SOME OTHER WAY

Two-year-old Willie spent many weeks of his second summer und the neglectful eyes of his senile grandmother while his mother worke in the fields. Willie was often wet and hungry. His mother did not want leave him, but she did not know what else to do. The family needed h wages, and there was no one but the old grandmother to take care Willie. Each weekday, his five-year-old sister went to a country day-ca center for children over three, but there was no place for Willie to g

Willie's third summer was different, however. He spent five days each week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the care of a foster mother in her clear pleasant home. Willie was never hungry; his health improved. He learned to play with other children. He was happy and so was his mother.

Every summer hundreds of migrant farmworkers like Willie's parencome with their children to work in rural areas of Pennsylvania, harves ing fruits and vegetables. The same pattern is repeated year after year not only in Pennsylvania, but also in many other states.

Through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission*, you support the National Migrant Ministry which coordinates the efforts of many denominations to help migrant farm workers and their families. When you consider the way of life which has trapped so many migrant families you just naturally want to help them find some other way.

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September 8, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" - S. Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121
Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

PSALTER READING 71 Psalm 25

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THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response "Incline Thine Ear to Us"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 12:28-34

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Rise Up, O Men of God" arr. Noble Cain

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Prayer for a Clean Heart" - A.Johnson

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

*HYMN 392 "Father in Heaven, Who Lovest Λ11" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

SERMON Fighting Christians

N 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"
(stanzas 1 and 2)

EDICTION and Response "Lord, we now depart in peace"

TLUDE "Toccata" - T. Dubois

*Congregation will stand

We especially welcome the Elon College football team and invite them to worship with us often.

<u>Acolytes.</u> However, they must attend the training session this afternoon at 4:00 in the Hunter Room.

BOARD OF DEACONS will meet at 7:30 P.M. today.

HERAL SESSION of the Women's Fellowship will be held Monday, 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. New officers for 1968-69 will be installed at this time.

ORIENTATION CLASS for new members or associate members for church membership has been organized. Please consult the minister or deacons if you are interested in this class.

ALL PARENTS of college students who are attending an out-of-town college: Pleace call the church office as soon as possible, giving us the address of your son or daughter.

HURCH SCHOOL CLASS for college students will begin next Sunday, 9:45 A. M.

HRISTIAN ENLISTMENT WORKSHOP will be held next Sunday at the Haw River United Church of Christ from 2:30-5:00 P.M. Our congregation can be represented by any number of persons.



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 19

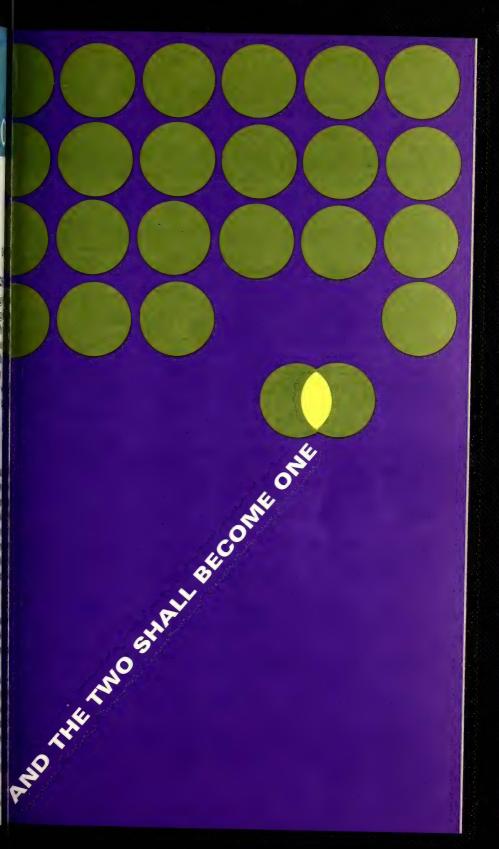
Luke 10:25-

The Parable of the Good Samaritan scathingly denounces "good religio people" who turn their backs upon a man in need, and exalts a religio outcast who cared for him. For us, as Americans, the picture might compared to our failing to meet the desperate poverty of the "have not and seeing that the Communists really care about it. The words former Secretary for Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. John V Gardner, are appropriate: "History is not going to deal kindly wi a rich nation that will not tax itself to cure its miseries." And a ta of the church is to serve as the nation's conscience.

OUR INDONESIAN NEIGHBORS

Among the problems brought on by the rapid expansion of the chur in Indonesia is the shortage of trained church leaders. One of the moderitical points at which we can provide help, therefore, is in the traini of college and seminary students. Although for some time the Unit Church Board for World Ministries has been trying to find a person work in Indonesia with the Student Christian Movement, it has be unable to locate anyone with just the right combination of abilities.

But then it happened that, as we in the United Church sought to ser our neighbors in Indonesia, we discovered others who are both o "neighbors" and theirs. The Church of the Brethren had a man, t Reverend Joel Thompson, a personnel secretary with their Gene Brotherhood Board, who had taught in Ambon Theological School Indonesia (1961–1963) and who was exactly fitted for the openi which our Board wanted to fill. What could be done? Just this: t Rev. and Mrs. Joel Thompson have been appointed for three years the General Brotherhood Board of the Church of the Brethren as the missionaries in Indonesia, and by our United Church Board for Wo Ministries as in "associated service," with the UCBWM contributi toward their support. The Thompsons, with their children, will soon be Indonesia, working with college and seminary youth. Just one more ample of ecumenical cooperation in the world-wide mission of the church



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Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

September 15, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE "Offertoire sur les grands jeux" - Couperin (Mass for the Convents)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 117, 118:1, 28, 29
Choral Introit "O Come, Let us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O God whose indwelling Spirit searches every heart; visit, we pray, this congregation. Unite us in fellowship with thy worshippers in all lands; and grant that our words and the unspoken longings in our hearts may be acceptable in thy sight, and may be offered in the name of our Master. Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PSALTER READING 87 Psalm 84

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THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 17:11-19

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Ye Nations Praise the Lord" - W. Watson

THE OFFERING
Offertory "Andante con Tenerezza" - F. Jacobi

Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Offertory Prayer

YMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

ERMON Many Were Healed; One Became Whole

MN 323 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

"NEDICTION and Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"

"STLUDE "Hymn-Prelude on 'Lift Up Your Heads'"

- S. Bingham

*Congregation will stand

- worship with us today. We would ask our visitors to please sign the Guest Book in the narthex.
- ATAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barney, Jr., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barney, Sr., and Mr. Ellis E. Todd, father of Mrs. Barney.
- TE PRIMARY CHOIR, children in grades 1, 2 and 3, will have their first practice Wednesday at 3:30 P. M.
- MW MEMBERS will be received into the Church on September 29. Interested persons should contact the Pastor this week.
- Ship will meet at 7:30 P.M. today in the Hunter Room.
- RVING TODAY in the Nursery are Mrs. T. R. Hamilton and Miss Mary Ann Butler; Wade Wood and John Baxter are the Acolytes; Greeters of the day are H. R. Richardson and J. Mark McAdams.
- MUNITY HEALTH CLINIC Tuesday, 2-4:00 P.M. in the Parish House

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 196

Mark 10:1-1

How can two become one? Certainly they remain two distinct person Yet in a true marriage they do become one in a single atmosphere of a cepting each other as they are, and of giving to each other a new opportunity to grow and mature. But that atmosphere is not of their ov making. It is the gift of God, whose love for them both binds their lot together and gives to them the atmosphere of his unfailing presence. The the task of marriage becomes the joy of expressing, in a multitude ways, gratitude to each other and to God for so great a gift.

FIFTY-SEVEN VARIETIES

The Peace Dale Congregational United Church of Christ which lisouth of Providence, Rhode Island, has helped inaugurate a community action program which has, in recent years, provided housing for fift seven different families. After analyzing their community's problems, to members of the Peace Dale Church decided that community housing wone thing they wanted to do something about. After joining other intested groups in the community in urging the formation of a Housi Authority, and incidentally raising some \$3,000 for direct grants of do payments to seven families, members of the congregation pressed of They discovered that federal funds were available through the Farm Home Administration for helping their "non-metropolitan" type of comunity. Altogether, more than fifty-seven families of all sorts and six have thus far been enabled to purchase homes of their own. Ninete further applications are pending.

Interestingly enough, the process of planning and evaluation used the Peace Dale Church is very much like that now advocated in Denominational Emphasis on "The Local Church in God's Missio Once begun, the process can lead to fifty-seven—or even more—rieties of Christian service.

YOU HAVE BEEN FAITH RUL

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September 22, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Chorale Preludes (Orgelbuchlein) J.S.Bach
"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Elest"
"Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word"

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24
Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:14-29 Mrs. Vargas
* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE CONSECRATION OF ACOLYTES

ANTHEM "Father Teach Me How to Pray" K. Keese

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" J. S. Back

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Offertory Prayer

MN 485 "This is My Father's World" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

RMON

STLUDE

Double or Nothing

Mr. Hamilton

MN 244

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" NEDICTION and Response "The Lord Bless You"

"Chaconne in D Minor"

F. Couperin

*Congregation will stand

CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Especially we would greet those who worship here for the first time. Please sign the Guest Register in the narthex and introduce yourself before you leave today. We hope you will want to worship with us every Sunday.

SSISTING AS LITURGIST today is Mrs. Elise Vargas who is a former missionary of the United Church of Christ in Honduras.

E SERVICE OF CONSECRATION for acolytes is led by Dr. Alfred Hurst, a former pastor of this congregation, and Mr. Gerry Oxford, our supervisor of the acolytes. Our young men who will be serving as acolytes are: John Baxter, Mark Danieley, John MacDonald, Reggie White, Wade Wood, Malvin Artley, Jr., Philip Benton, Buddy Boyd, John Goude, Tommy Hamilton and Maurice Shaver.

RECITAL of organ music will be presented in Whitley Auditorium at 4:00 o'clock today by Professor Richard Apperson and Dr. Fletcher Moore.

E CONGREGATION is also invited to the Open House in celebration of the completed sanctuary of Shallow Ford Church this afternoon from two to five o'clock.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 196

Matthew 25:14-3

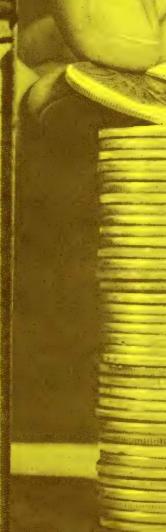
Ongoing history presents us with the opportunity to be faithful. The is the very purpose of human history. But faithful to what? Faithful the Giver and to the gift of life itself, and for us that means faithful a love that has entered decisively into our history in Jesus—a love the seeks to bring health. It is not a love to hoard but to share, and in the sharing it is multiplied. We know this is true. When one person shar love with another, that love is doubled. Our varied gifts are intended for investment in multiplying human health and joy.

"GREAT IDEAS PRODUCE GREAT MEN"

The hallmark of the Publication Department of the Near East Missiswhich coordinates there the work of our United Church Board for Wor Ministries contains the words, "Great Ideas Produce Great Mer These words might well call to mind such men as Sir James Redhou who a hundred years ago prepared the first English-Turkish dictional The Redhouse Press, trade name under which the department publish has through a foundation grant just completed a new Turkish-Engliedition of the famous Redhouse Dictionary—a major contribution Turkish literature.

Currently, the department annually distributes more than 35,0 books through commercial bookstores, student cooperatives, sche and village libraries, and literacy programs. The Publication Department has set for itself an ambitious five-year program of expansion. In a dition to publishing books in Turkish, it intends to cooperate in Bi translation work, become involved in radio broadcasting, and continuous cooperate with other agencies publishing in Muslim lands. Through Current World Mission we are helping "Great Ideas Produgreat Men."

FOOL



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September 29, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Six Preludes for Organ E. Bloch I "Andante", II "Poco lento"

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8
Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 3:13-21

* The Gloria Patri

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Apostles Creed (in unison)
* The Welcome, p. 497

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 429 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord with Cheerful Voice" Bach

THE OFFERING

Offertory III "Andante" E. Bloch

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

That He Would Grant You...

ERMON

YMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
ENEDICTION and Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
OSTLUDE VI "Processional" E. Bloch

*Congregation will stand

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this morning. We especially greet those who worship here for the first time. Please sign the Guest Register in the narthex and introduce yourself before you leave today. We hope you will want to worship with us each Sunday.

LTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Sr., and Mr. James L. Foster, Jr., by Miss Mary Lee Foster.

EW MEMBERS received into our Church Fellowship today are: Mrs. William Elzey, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst, Mrs. T. E. Powell, III, Mrs. Robert Smith, Wade Wood, and Mrs. Louis Wilkins. Associate Members received are: Dr. William Elzey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griswold, and David Nichols.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is bestowed upon Mrs. Robert Smith and Lorie Ann Smith.

HE CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT COMMITTEE will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

Members are: W. B. Terrell, chairman, Robert Baxter, W. C. Perry, D. M. McLelland, Leroy Hughes, and E. W. Brafford.

IRCLES THIS WEEK:

#5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Chester Huey #6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. A. I. Braxton

HE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday on World-Wide Communion Sunday.

FOOL

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 1968

Christian Education Week

Luke 12:13-21

Though poverty does lurk in our midst, with only 6% of the world's population but 50% of the world's wealth, the United States remain the richest nation in the world. We are known abroad for our grea wealth, and at home we often judge a man by the dollar sign. We ever tend to honor the man who can "pile it up." But to those who measure life in these terms comes the word, "Fool!" Material wealth is not intended to become an idol of false security. It is a trust to be used for increasing the affluence and economic health of all mankind.

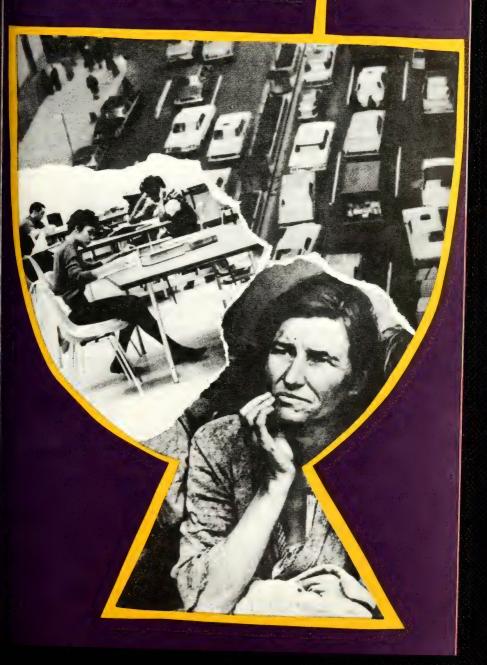
OUR NEIGHBORS IN CRISIS

Next Sunday, October 6th, many congregations of the United Church of Christ will join in the annual all-church Neighbors in Crisis offering This year there can be little question, our neighbors caught up in the urban crisis—and we—face many urgent needs. But, you ask, what can additional money accomplish?

Let no one think that extra dollars alone provided by the member of the United Church of Christ for the Neighbors in Crisis offering will somehow solve all our problems! All of the money provided by all of the denominations in the United States would not accomplish that. The enormity of the task will require massive aid from every level of government. But our money can provide "seed" funds for worthwhile community self-help endeavors. And even if we can't hope to solve all the problems, we can help show the way. We can provide funds with greate flexibility than governmental bodies to meet needs which change from week to week and from day to day. And we can, by our giving, inspiriprivate foundations and philanthropic organizations to join the battle And this, too, is needed if we are to win our nation's War on Poverty

But, beyond the dollars that we give, our involvement in this crisi can create a climate of concern. Our neighbors in the ghetto have ye to be convinced that we really care. Your generous gift to the Neighbor in Crisis offering will give concrete evidence of your concern.

I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS



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October 6, 1968

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Communion

E. Gigout

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

Choral Introit "God Be in My Head"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF ADORATION 7 "Immortal, Invisible"

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Gracious God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast promised to receive us when we come unto thee; we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed thy law and we have not loved our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, free us from sin, and grant that we may live and serve thee in newness of life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:12-27

SERMON The Cup Comes By

THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit Pastor: Let us pray:

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem "Save Us, O Lord" J. Roff The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (v.1 & 2)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Sanctus, 551 (in unison)
Words of Institution
The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN 414 "In Christ There is No East or West"
CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION
Benediction
Choral Response "Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"
J. Pachelbel

The order of worship today follows The Lord's

Day Service commended to the churches by the

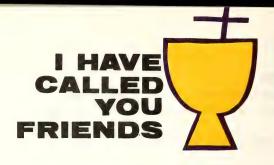
Worship Commission of the United Church of Christ.

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. J. A. Hunter by Mrs. Hunter and the family.

HRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended by this congregation to the Reverend Thomas R. Hamilton and family upon the death of Mrs. Hamilton's father, Mr. Gordon L. Whitener, on October 3 in Hickory, N.C.

N ALAMANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Mrs. L. E. Wells Mr. J. C. Colley



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 1968

World-Wide Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Crisis All-Church Offering

John 15:12-21

On the cover, the communion cup embraces parts of human life. Sym bolizing Christ's blood, it points to a love for the world that gives itsel completely and declares the heart of life, God, to be our friend. This means that our communion with Christ is no private religious experience It is an act of participating with him in his love for the whole world. He binds us together across all the boundaries of nation and race. He make us friends, that together we may more effectively demonstrate His friend ship in word and deed to all our neighbors who today are in critical need

"BABY NEEDS BREAD . . ."

"I've got ten mouths to feed here," the man said quietly, "and ther ain't enough in that icebox to even fill the baby's stomach. What car I do?" When you read these words of Norman Fontenelle, Sr. in a recent issue of *LIFE* magazine, you may have wondered just what you would of like this man you had been laid off the job you'd had for elever years, and it was cold, and your child needed food.

Would you have gone out on the streets and begged, borrowed, o even stolen food? Or would you have stood long hours in line at the employment agency only to be told to "Come back next week." Bu baby needs something to eat now. Baby is crying now. Just what would you do? So, you may agree that baby, and the other nine kids, nee

bread. But, you ask, "What can I do about it?"

The United Church of Christ is concerned about the people of th ghetto, the men and women and children caught in the trap of no jobs bad housing, worse education, and no food in the icebox. And throug the Neighbors in Crisis offering which is being made today in many congregations, we can help. The funds we give—our checks and dollars—ca make a difference, for they will not only help our brothers lift them selves up through better education and training for better jobs, an through provision of better housing, but they will also give concret witness to the fact that when baby cries, we hear.

HAS HAS THE SALE OF THE SALE O speaking through YOU

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October 13, 1968 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Acclamations (Suite Medievale) J. Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 441 "Once to Every Man and Nation"

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER The Silent Prayers of the People The Morning Prayer Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

SOLO "God is Ever Near" Mrs. Maureen Gminder

I Corinthians 1:1-9 SCRIPTURE READING * The Gloria Patri

*A LITANY OF CONFESSION, PRAISE, AND SERVICE (insert)

THE OFFERING

Improvisation J. Langlais Offertory The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

*HYMN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

SERMON Crisis in Belief and Behavior HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"
POSTLUDE VI (Six Preludes and Intermezzi) Schroeder

Parts of this Service of Worship are found in the Lay Life and Work booklet: New Ways for New Days.

*Congregation Standing

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. R. Lewis Smith by the family.

EVENTS FOR TODAY:

2:30-4:30 P.M. Open House for the new Educational Building of the First Baptist Church.

4:00 P.M. College Vespers in Whitley Auditorium, Dr. James Lightbourne preaching.
The congregation is invited.

6:30 P.M. Elon Youth will meet (grades 9-12).

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons

FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M.

The program will be presented by our young people who attended camp this past summer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russ upon the birth of Mary Shelly Russ on October 10.

Sheldon Cheek, J. C. Colley, J. L. Dixon,
Mrs. Heddie Reddish, Mrs. L. E. Wells,
Mrs. Thomas Russ.

RTICLES for the Torch are due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning of this week.

November 3 at the morning service.



speaking through YOU

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 196

Laity Sunday

Matthew 10:16-2

The call to follow Jesus Christ does not promise an unruffled life. I may bring ridicule and persecution when phony and selfish, persons or social, economic or political vested interests are challenged. Yet th words from Matthew's Gospel promise that it is precisely at such time that "the Spirit of your Father" will not fail. His Spirit does not protes for protest's sake, but that *His* true health may enter into the fabric o an often distorted society. Such protest is part of the task for anyon who answers the call to follow Jesus Christ.

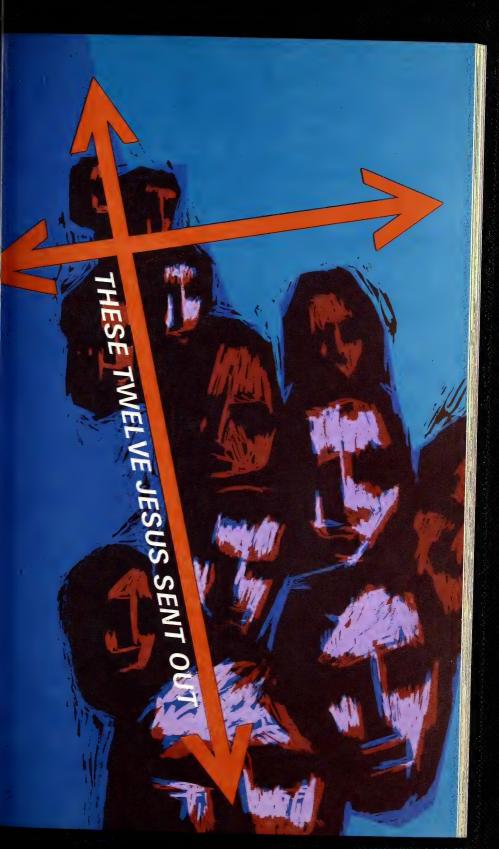
"WHERE IS THE CHURCH?"

A visitor to the famous Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C read a brass plaque by the door of an old red brick mansion: "Head quarters of the Church of the Saviour." Receptionist, offices, ringin phones, whirring mimeograph machines—why would a church of les than 70 members need such a "headquarters"?

The visitor asked the woman inside, who was taking her turn a greeting visitors, "If this is the headquarters, where is the church? "The Church of the Saviour," she replied, "is where any of us are—Pen tagon office, piano sales room, geological survey laboratory, sculptor studio, supermarket meat counter—that is where the Church of th Saviour is found."

The United Church of Christ is there, too: Realtor's office, whear ranch, district court, anesthesia room, youth detention center, doughnu case at the lunch counter, corporation personnel office, classroom, home filling station—the list goes on of places where United Church men an women, who are the church, live and work.

On Laity Sunday we celebrate that church. We are gathered in the place we call the "church" each Sunday and we are then scattered to all sorts of places on all sorts of days to serve and to celebrate Him who told us to go into the world to make disciples. On Laity Sunday, we as how faithful we have been to that calling.



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October 20, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Come Holy Ghost, Creator Elest J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99:1-5
Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UNISON READING 125, page 544

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Numbers 13
New Testament Matthew 10:1-13

* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Thou art He"

J. Pasquet

THE OFFERING

Offertory Recit de chromhorne F. Couperin
(Mass for the Convents)

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 223 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

Twelve Who were Sent

SERMON

HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Rev. Guy Veazey

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les grande jeux F. Couperin

*Congregation standing

We hope that our guests will please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 5:30 o'clock in the Parish House. Please bring dessert. Λ program will be presented by our young people who attended church camp this past summer.

THE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) meet this evening from 8-9:30 o'clock in the Parish House.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of our Eastern North Carolina
Association of the Southern Conference will be held at Southern Pines on Wednesday of this week.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION with mortgage burning will be on November 3 at the morning service.

MOSPITALIZED in Alamance Memorial Hospital is Mrs. Heddie Reddish, mother of Dr. Paul Reddish.

HOIR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK:

Junior Choir - Monday at 3:30 P. M.

Primary Choir - Wednesday at 3:30 P. M.

Senior Choir - Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 196

World Order Sunday

Matthew 10:5-1

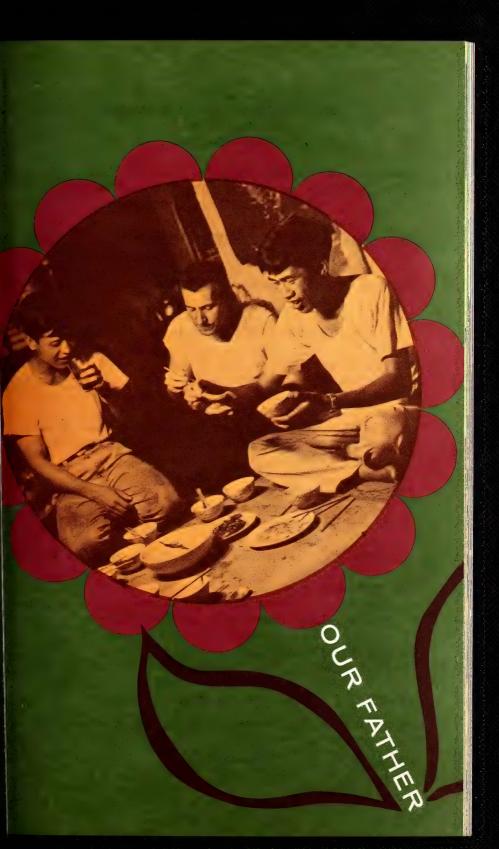
As we share the task of spreading the "Good News" in word and dee today, we are in a long succession of generations that go back to th first disciples. The mission that began with those who knew Jesus' physical presence in the land of Israel has spread across the globe to touc every land on earth. Jesus brings an order not of coercion but of compassion, and "all the armies . . . navies . . . parliaments . . . kings the ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this eart as much as that one solitary life." He still sends us out both near and fair

300 PERCENT MORE RICE

In the farming region around Tacloban City on the island of Leyt in the Philippine Islands where United Church Board for World Mir istries missionary Paul Walther serves, rice production is better tha ever. Walther, who spent several months in 1966 at the Los Baño International Rice Research Institute founded by the Ford and Rocke feller Foundations, is trying to get agriculture off the ground in thos localities in which farmers have not yet learned about either the plow or the wheel.

One big boost has come as a result of a new "miracle" variety of rice which the Institute produced, a variety called "IR8." This new variety of rice is a hybrid of "Peta," a tall Philippine variety that originated in Indonesia, and "Dee-geo-woo-gen," a short variety from Tawan. Farmers in the Philippines are conservative by nature and musbe shown, not merely told, that IR8 is worth an extra effort.

The fact is that other farmers have found that IR8 outproduced th old varieties by up to 300 percent. But IR8 costs four times as much Recently, a Rice Producing Kit has been made widely available for 40 pesos (about \$10) which allows a farmer to start growing the nerice on a small scale so he can compare its yield to the variety he a ready grows. It also gives the farmer everything he needs to grow IR successfully. This year, for only the second time in this century, the Philippines will produce all the rice it needs. By next year, there may well be a surplus.



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October 27, 1968 Reformation Sunday 11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Voluntary in C Minor M. Greene

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 42:4, 5
Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

SCRIPTURE READING
New Testament

* Gloria Patri

Today's English Version
Romans 1:16, 17; 3:21-26

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Behold and See" Martini-Forester

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante sostenuto H. Schroeder
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*UNISON READING OF HYMN 253
(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

SERMON What are you FOR?

*HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*BENEDICTION and Response "Threefold Amen"

*POSTLUDE Postludium J. Dressler

- A CORDIAL WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us today. We would ask that our guests please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.
- ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. L. D. Martin by Mrs. Martin and the family.
- A SERVICE OF MUSIC will be held this afternoon at five o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. Mrs. Hassell will be assisting at the organ. An open invitation is extended to all.
- THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock with the chairmen of the Finance and Every Member Canvass Committees.
- AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING for Cub Scout Pack 51 will be held Monday evening at seven o'clock in the Parish House. All boys (ages 8, 9 and 10) who are interested in becoming Cub Scouts should be present with their parents.
- THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Monday evening at eight o'clock in the Hunter Room.
- THE OCTOBER MEETING of our Men's Fellowship is this Wednesday evening in the Parish House with dinner to begin at 6:30 o'clock. Reservations are due to Mr. Atkinson or Dr. Λ1 Noah by Monday evening. Dr. W. T. Scott will present the program.
- VEXT SUNDAY SERVICE OF DEDICATION
 WITH MORTGAGE BURNING

We hope all our members and friends can be present. A congregational luncheon, by reservation, will follow in the Parish House.

- IEWS ITEMS for the Torch are due in the Secretary's Office by Tuesday morning of this week.
- N THE NARTHEX: The Southern Conference News Devotional Materials



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 196

Reformation Sunday

Youth Sunday

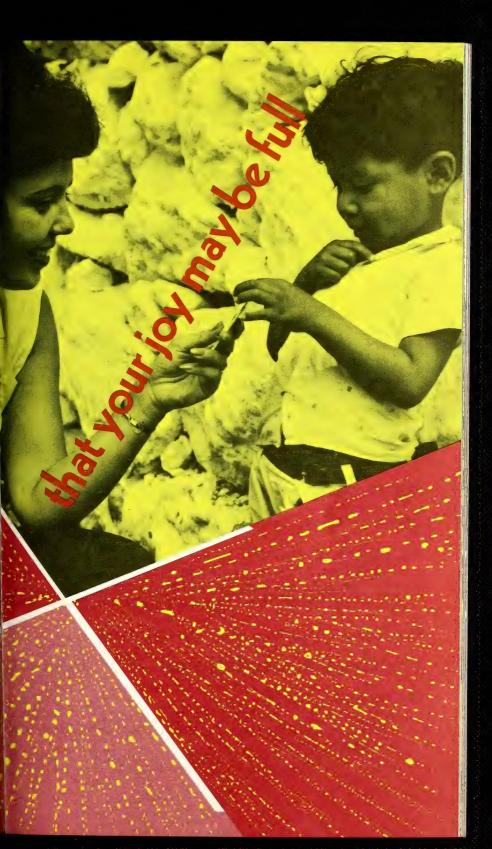
Matthew 6:5-1

Someone has said that "prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but laying hold on God's willingness." Part of that willingness is to reform us all and unite us across all denominational lines. Christians a almost every background are experiencing, more and more, both the joint of working together and of praying and even eating together at the Lord Table. If he is our Father, how can we as his children refuse to gather and let him feed us? The daily bread of his willingness to overcome of separation nourishes the flowering of a united and serving community

OPERATION CONTACT

In the 12-square-mile area of North-Northeast Portland, Orego which is generally referred to as Greater Albina, live 85% of the Negropulation of the entire state. Recently, C-CAP, the Church-Communic Action Program of the Greater Portland Council of Churches, with the support of local foundations as well as funds from half a dozen denominations, including the United Church of Christ, has established a neproject: Operation Contact.

In Operation Contact, C-CAP has assigned five street worke who, together with two teachers appointed by the local school boar work fulltime with dropouts and delinquent youth. They encourage the young people to combine a C-CAP sponsored work program of woo cutting and selling, lawn care and the like, with informal classes at a Opportunity School. Classes in basic subjects are accepted for creed by the public schools. In the future, C-CAP hopes to develop this in a broader job-training effort, but first the youth have to be reached, at that is what Operation Contact is all about. Just one more importate project which you help support through *Our Christian World Missio*



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Guest Organist

November 10, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus Name Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100
Introit "The Lord is the Strength of His People"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

God, our Father, give us grace to enter this holy place in reverence. We would call upon thee now that we might obtain thy help and depart with thy blessing. In Jesus' Name we come. Amen.

*HYMN 4 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

PSALTER READING 62 Psalm 1 Page 515

ANTHEM "Lord, As We Pray to Thee" Dasher

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Let Thy Word Abide in Us, O Lord"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 12:35-48

ANNOUNCEMENT OF STEWARDSHIP MONTH W. B. Terrell

THE OFFERING

Offertory Go Labor On Peeters

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

YMN 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

ERMON

Three Ships

YMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord will Bless His People"
OSTLUDE "God of the Prophets, Bless the
Prophets' Sons" Peeters

*Congregation will stand

ALENDAR FOR TODAY

1:30 P.M. Band Concert in Whitley Auditorium
1:40 P.M. Elon Youth will meet here to go to
St. Mark's Church for District Rally
2:30 P.M. Churchmen's Fellowship District
Meeting in Whitley Auditorium
7:30 P.M. Board of World Ministries in Greensboro

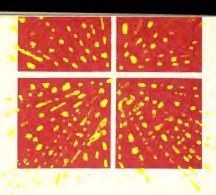
LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Mann in memory of Mr. J. C. Watts, grandfather of Mrs. Mann.

OVEMBER is our Stewardship month. You are urged to attend one of the Home Meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings this week. Pledges will be received on November 17 and 24.

Archie H. Hook, Sion M. Lyman, and William T. Scott who are celebrating their 45th anniversary of their ordination to the Christian Ministry.

A dinner in their honor will be held in McEwen Dining Hall on November 15 at 6:30 P.M. Make your reservations through the Conference Office.

HE BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES meets today through Thursday in Greensboro. Our members are invited.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 10, 1968

Stewardship Sunday

John 16:16-24

Giving is not a burden to be borne; it is a joy to be shared. Our fron cover symbolizes the foundation of our giving in the self-giving love of Christ's cross. From it emerges the power and presence of his Spirithat brings the joy of life shared with one another. What we need mos is a grateful heart, for gratitude expresses itself in the spirit of that for which it is grateful. Our deepest gratitude is for God's sharing of his love with us. That love is the foundation of our deepest loving, our faith ful giving, our joyous sharing.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Many congregations today are taking a new look at the old question "What does the Lord require . . ." For some, this means a systematic reappraisal of all church activities to see where there may be even more significant opportunities to "do justly, to love mercy, and to walk hum bly" with God.

For other congregations, these preliminaries have already beer achieved. Now is the hour for renewed dedication to the task at hand Members of the congregation know what they ought to be doing. Now they must be challenged to break through—in the stewardship of their time and in the stewardship of their money. The Christian Enlistmen theme lifts up this concern: In The Struggle For Justice and Peace—What Will You Do?

For one congregation this sort of reappraisal meant a decision to restructure its corporate life around community needs. For another it has meant doubling the amount given in the past to "missions." What does it mean for your congregation, and for you personally, if your "joy is to be made full"?

KINGDOM OF GOD IS AS IF...

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November 17, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Chorale: O Lord We Praise Thee -Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145 Introit "The Lord is the Strength of His People"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) Eternal God, guide us now as we worship thee in this holy place. In our worship we seek forgiveness, truth for daily living, and thy peace. We would come by thy invitation and leave with thy blessing, praying as we have been instructed: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 4:1-9, 26-29

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Let Thy Word Abide in Us, O Lord"

ANTHEM "God is Our Strength and Song" D. Peninger

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND STEWARDSHIP

THE OFFERING Offertory Adagio

T. Canning

* The Doxology* Offertory Prayer

MN 302 "O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

A Credo on the Local Church

MMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ERMON

Choral Response "The Lord will Bless His People" STLUDE I Thank Thee, Dear Lord S. Karg-Elert

*Congregation will stand

TAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Alice E. Brehle by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt.

today and next Sunday with our morning offerings.

Those who prefer may have members of the Christian Enlistment Committee call in their home next Sunday afternoon.

ICHAEL EDISON RASCOE and Margaret Louise Naughton purpose to enter into the holy estate of Matrimony, according to God's ordinance, on November 23 at seven o'clock in the evening. They desire that prayer be made for them, that they may enter into this union in the Name of the Lord, and be prospered in it.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held
November 27 at the First Baptist Church. Λ combined choir from our area churches will sing, and the message of the evening will be given by Dr. Alfred Hurst.

OSPITALIZED: Professor J. C. Colley at Memorial Hospital and Mr. Roland Longest at Duke Hospital.



THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AS IF...

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 17, 1968

Mark 4:26-29

As scientists understand biological life more and more, the Gospels remind us that human life is more than controlled biology. In the phrase, "the kingdom of God," they point to the mystery of God's loving power at work. But such power is not a manipulable element in our laboratory test-tubes. We do not control it; it is to control us. Allowing ourselves to be "planted" in this loving power most deeply expressed in Jesus, the life and growth and fruitful harvest of God's reigning love emerges in our concrete concern for all aspects of human life.

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ISTANBUL

Drive through the outskirts of Istanbul and you will see for yourself the huge shanty towns or *gecekondu* settlements which have sprung up to house the half million new rural settlers who now crowd the city. These newcomers have added to Istanbul's population in recent years at double the current birthrate. Because they are "settled at night"—the literal meaning of *gecekondu*—these squatters are difficult to evict. Their rights under Turkish law are at best uncertain. While they have the right to stay and the right to vote, they generally do not have the usual city services—water, gas, electricity, sewage disposal. Neither do they have enough schools.

The nearly one hundred career and short-term missionaries of ou United Church Board for World Ministries who live and work in Turkey find themselves deeply involved in this changing situation. While proselyting and publicizing of public worship have long been proscribed by Turkish law, their every action becomes a witness to their faith. No only through their secular occupations—teaching, school administration, medicine, publishing—but also through their informal contacts in community and village service and social welfare projects they work to help alleviate economic and social problems.

NOT BE ANXIOUS



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November 24, 1968

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Divertimento on 'Monkland' (Hymn 463) - Statham CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 10:25-28 The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

"God of Love" Junior Choir ANTHEM Miss Diane Clendenin, Director

THE OFFERING

"Give Thanks" Offertory Anthem Williams

Give thanks for every day, give thanks always, and wait the morrow. At dawn or close of day, let each in his own way, give thanks for every blessing...

- * The Doxology
- Offertory Prayer
- *HYMN 21 "We Gather Together" (Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

The Hardest Thanksgiving

SERMON

HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, let us now depart in peace"
POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Whitford

*Congregation will stand

with our offering today. Last Sunday 53 families pledged \$12,249.20 toward a Current Expense goal of \$23,090; \$3,366.80 toward a Benevolent goal of \$5,100; \$2,323.20 toward a Building Fund goal of \$10,000. Those who so prefer may have members of the Christian Enlistment Committee call in their home this afternoon.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Elon College. A combined choir from our area churches will sing, and the message of the evening will be given by Dr. Alfred Hurst.

HE COMMITTEE on Stewardship and Missionary Education will meet this evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Oma Johnson with those who attended the meeting of the Board for World Ministries in Greensboro.

OUR HELP IS NEEDED. When you give to help a child, you give for always. A special offering for the Elon Home for Children will be received next Sunday. The envelopes may also be used for the Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday evening.

OSPITALIZED: At Alamance Me orial: J. C. Colley and Mrs. George D. Colclough; Roland Longest is in Duke Hospital in Durham.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 24, 1968

Forefathers Sunday

Luke 12:22-34

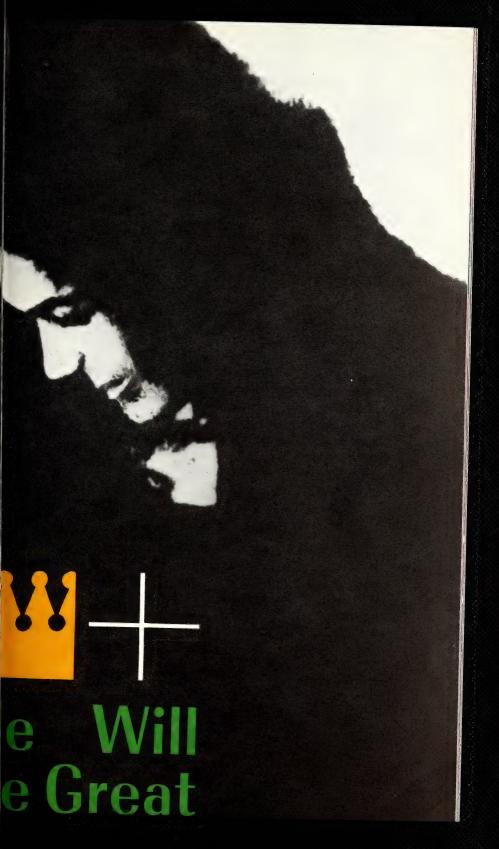
What do you mean, "Do not be anxious!"? How can we be anything else in today's world? The context of these words in Luke points to an anxiety concerned with establishing our security in terms of materia goods. Life is more than things. To let secondary objects cause primary anxiety gets life out of focus. Luke recognizes the need for them, bu he focuses on our deeper need for a *Person* who gives us his love, who is concerned for lilies and for persons, and who frees us from crippling anxiety to care about the primary matter of sharing his love.

CHANGING MINISTRIES FOR CHANGING TIMES

The Well, experimental drug-addiction program of the Ironbound Interchurch Council in Newark, New Jersey, which was supported i part through Our Christian World Mission, has been discontinued afte one year. Why? Has Newark's drug addiction problem been solved Unfortunately, no. Has The Well then simply failed to help? What wer wrong?

The fact is that nothing went wrong. The Well has been phased ou as planned from the beginning, so that the program could be expande and enlarged. At the end of this one-year effort there is now a newl established Essex County Drug-Addiction Council which will receiv \$400,000 in state funds for a major rehabilitation program. A new "Well and DARE (Drug Addicts Rehabilitation Enterprise) have been es tablished in the heart of Newark's ghetto where addicts themselves ar helping to provide the cure. Instead of our church-supported program helping only a handful of drug addicts at a time, nearly two hundred a a time will be helped to find a new way of life.

The Rev. Howard Goeringer, Essex County Minister of Communit Relations, who helped initiate The Well, comments, "We believe w have been moving in the right directions. We leave the next steps to the direction of our one Father - God who is not dead!"



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

December 1, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Behold, A Branch is Growing A. Thate Lighting the Candles - John Baxter and Tom Hamilton

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

- * Advent Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- * Invocation (in unison) Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, let thy presence invade our worship today that we may see thee, and no other, as our only hope of salvation. Grant us the spirit of sincerity and devotion as we make our Master's prayer our own:
- * The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Reading Isiah 42:5-9 Mr. McLelland Luke 1:30-33

* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, incline thine ear to us"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem "Now Thank We All Our God" Kaufmann
Primary Choir, Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Director

* Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

He is Coming Soon

RAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Anthem "Now God be Praised" Vulpius
The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Sermon

Hymn 91 "The Man Who Once Has Found Abode"
Benediction
Choral Response "Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace"
Postlude Arise, Sons of the Kingdon J. S. Bach
Extinguishing the Candles

*Congregation will stand

- LOWERS today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock by the family.
 - CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS meets today and next Sunday during the Church School hour in the office of the Secretary. These sessions are open to all who wish to attend.
- Marriage for Paul Huey and Jean Gilliam this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in this sanctuary.
- Monday at 7:30 o'clock in the sanctuary. Please remember to bring Christmas Cheer gifts.
- IE QUARTERLY MEETING of the congregation will be held next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. Business will include election of officers and ratification of the proposed budget for 1969.
- FECIAL ENVELOPES are included in the bulletin today for your Thanksgiving-Christmas offering to the Elon Home for Children. Your interest and your support are vital.



FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

December 1, 196

Luke 1:26-3

Today begins the time of Advent (meaning "a coming to") and our prep aration to celebrate Christ's coming to us. To relate them, the bulleti covers for these four Advent Sundays all include the symbols of th cross and the crown. They remind us that Christ's birth can never b separated from his excruciating death and crowning victory. His great ness is not that of a brute power. It is the greatness of a genuine humilit that comes to us to heal the deep needs of our lives. He rules not wit crushing might but with compassionate mercy.

ADVENT

Many of us in the chemistry laboratory have taken a test tube of clear fluid containing certain chemicals and have added another fluid Immediately a solid precipitate was produced. We call the added some thing a catalyst. Suddenly we are able to see in the test tube a solid whereas formerly we had two fluids.

Christ's entry into human history is illustrated by this simple chemical process. He enables us to see in human history what previously had been present but was invisible, namely the love of God. Before Christ, men had believed in God. They had attributed certain qualitie to divinity. Through the experiences of the Jewish people particularly divinity had been evident at many points. But whereas they had fo centuries been looking through a glass darkly, in Christ they were able at last to see God.

God's love, his majesty, his power, had been present all along. Chris made concrete what previously had been abstract. Thus, when we thin of God, we Christians are able to concentrate upon a definite person a definite time in human history, a definite series of events, whereb God revealed himself in tangible form. Advent was the catalyst. Chris was God taking human form in the process.

Message written for joint use of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and the United Churc of Christ.





Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor - H. H. Edgerton, Liturgist
Jack O. White, Director of Music
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

December 8, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Fantasia on 'Veni Emmanuel' H. Statham
Lighting the Candles - Malvin Artley and John Goude

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

* Advent Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Invocation (in unison)

O God of peace, who teaches us that in quietness and confidence thou wilt be our strength: lift us now to thy presence where we may be still and know that thou art God. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

Unison Reading 114, p. 541 Mr. Edgerton | Mr. Edgerton | Matthew 1:18-25

* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem "A Joyful Song of Praise" E. Warren

* Hymn 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

Sermon God With Us Mr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Be Thou in Earnest S. Karg-Elert The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Benediction and Response "Threefold Amen"
Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Bach

*Congregation standing

ELCOME to each of you as you worship with us on this Second Sunday of Advent. Especially we greet our visitors, asking that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Worship with us often.

LOWERS today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Janet Loy Faulkner by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy.

HE ELON SINGERS will present Handel's 'Messiah' this afternoon at four o'clock in Whitley Auditorium.

HE QUARTERLY MEETING of the congregation is this evening at eight o'clock in this sanctuary. The children from the Elon Home for Children will lead the devotions. Officers will be elected and action will be taken on the Proposed Budget for 1969.

RTICLES and information for the Torch are due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning.

LE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have a dinner meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 P. M. in the Parish House. The program will be led by the Reverend Richard Rinker.

DSPITALIZED: Miss Mary Lee Foster at Memorial Hospital.



THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

December 8, 1968

John 3:16-2

Our front cover proclaims that the cross is the crown that rules the world The depth of God's concern, expressed in the self-giving love of the cross, is not for an in-group but for all the world. What really lies at the heart of everything is a love that cares for all; and such love ultimately rules the world. Is not the greatest power in the world not the power to hurt but the power to heal? In biblical language, to be saved meand to be healed. Salvation means God's health. Christ comes not to condemn but to confirm God's healing love for the world.

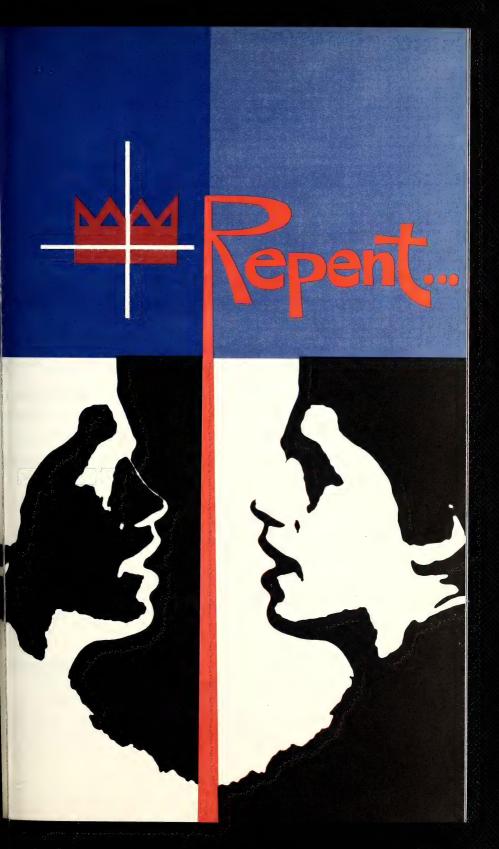
HIS SPECIAL NICHE

Every five minutes another retarded child is born somewhere in the United States. Every five minutes! And, as parents of such children readily testify, residential facilities for helping them are few and fa between and often woefully inadequate. Not long ago, one such facility Peppermint Ridge, located in Norco, California, joined the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ. At Peppermint Ridge, personal attention and individual therapy provide for the special health and personality needs of eleven boys, each of whom is helped to find his "special niche."

Peppermint Ridge is just one of the 81 hospitals, children's homes facilities for the aging and the retarded, and settlement houses which are related to the United Church of Christ through the Council of Health and Welfare Services, for which the United Church Board for Home

land Ministries provides staff services.

In a day when more and more of our resources—both public amprivate—are being used to deal with "great issues" such as poverty racial injustice, and war, it is important that we not forget the specific individual institutions that are involved in the day to day work of Christian concern and love. They are the products of the church's pioneering efforts in behalf of the sick, the suffering and the dispossessed, and they need our continuing encouragement and support.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor T. L. Smith, Liturgist Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

December 15, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Magnificat V, VI M. Dupre Lighting the Candles - Mark Danieley and Buddy Boyd

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

* Advent Hymn 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

* Prayer of Invocation

Anthem "O Jesulein Sweet" Traditional Christmas Bell Carol" Davies

THE LIVING WORD

New Testament Luke 2:25-35 Mr. Smith

* The Gloria Patri

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS
The Service of Reception

* The Congregation's Response p. 497

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Let Thy Word Abide in Us"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem Junior Choir

* Hymn 137 "Away in a Manger"

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

Sermon A Man of Hope Mr. Hamilton

RAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Anthem "A Joyous Christmas Song" Gevaert The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Benediction
Choral Response "The Lord Will Give Strength"
Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude Watchman, Tell Us of the Night J. Parry

*Congregation standing

ELCOME to each of you as you worship with us on this Third Sunday of Advent. Especially we greet our visitors, asking that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Worship with us often.

LTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Willard White family and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield and S/Sgt. J. C. Toney, parents and brother of Mrs. White.

The Christmas wreaths are placed on the front doors of the church by Miss Georgie Moore in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Moore and Mrs. Edith Moore Cole.

ECEIVED TODAY AS NEW MEMBERS of our church family are:
Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Benton and Philip Benton;
Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCauley and Larry, Jr., Beth
and Pat; Mr. and Mrs. William Price and William, Jr.;
Mrs. John Powell; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Walter.

HOSE WHO WISH to place poinsettias in the church for Christmas are asked to have them here by Saturday morning, December 21.

OSPITALIZED: Miss Nannie D. Reitzel at Memorial Hospital in Burlington.



SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

December 15, 1968

Matthew 3:1-12

To repent means to turn and do an about face. An old, negative direction becomes a new, positive one. For Christians such an about-face is not the product of their good intentions. It stems from him who comes into our lives to declare his love for us and to let that love become the new ruling and motivating power of our actions. To repent is not just to be sorry for the past and keep the old direction. It is to respond to the future and adopt a new direction—one that meets every part of the world's life with the creative deeds of an active love.

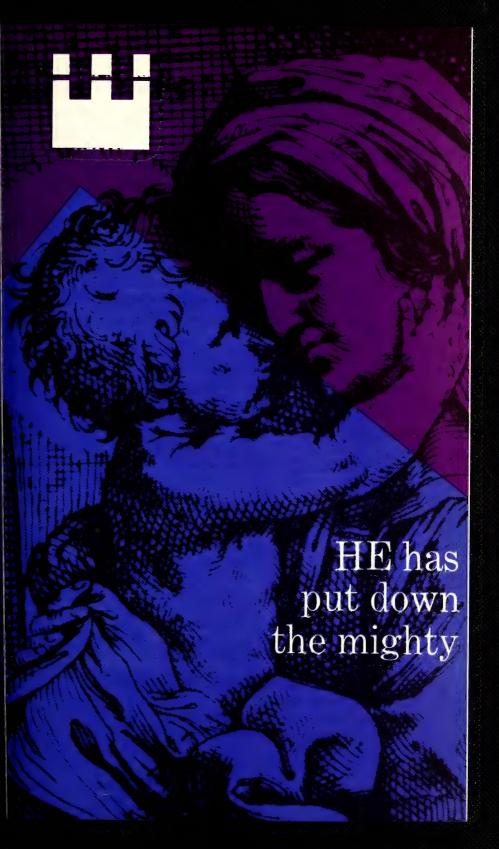
THE MERRY CHRISTMAS FUND

The dictionary lists as one meaning of merry, "causing happiness." For 67 years, thousands of givers to the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross have been causing happiness for all whom they have helped through their special gifts to the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ; happiness for others and for themselves.

The Christmas Fund provides emergency help for ministers and their families. A retired minister and his wife, living modestly on a small annuity, perhaps supplemented by Social Security and meager savings, may suddenly find themselves in special need: sickness, accident, hospitalization, surgery, dental work, hearing loss, blindness. Even with insurance there are unmet expenses. Emergency help from the Pension Boards can pay unmet doctor, drug, and nursing bills.

Emergencies are not selective; they strike active ministers, too: an auto accident, a heart attack, a retarded child, psychiatric need. These emergencies shake one's security, test one's faith. Needed are the emotional support of one's family, friends, and the wider fellowship; but also needed are professional therapy, and financial security. God works in many ways.

In addition to emergency help, your Christmas Fund gifts cause happiness for 800 retired ministers and widows of ministers living on low incomes who receive Christmas greetings and a small check given in the name of the whole church. So give to the Christmas Fund, merrily!



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor--George Colclough, Liturgia Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

December 22, 1968

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Two Noels
Noel for the Flute Stops
Swiss Noel, with variations

D'Aquin

Lighting the Candles--Reggie White and Phil Benton

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

* Advent Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* Prayer of Invocation

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-5 Mr. Hamilton New Testament John 1:6-16 Mr. Colclough

* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem A Carol Medley

* Hymn 488 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

Sermon Festival of the Savior

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory From Heaven Above S. Karg-Elert

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

- * Hymn 130 "Joy to the World!"
 - Benediction
- * Choral Response "Lord, let us now depart in peace"
- * Extinguishing the Candles
- * Postlude Arise and Shine in Splendor Brahms

*Congregation standing

- <u>WELCOME</u> to each of you as you worship with us on this <u>Sunday</u> before Christmas. We especially greet our visitors and ask that you please sign the <u>Guest Register</u> in the narthex. Worship with us often.
- ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. Russell Bradford by Mrs. W. E. McCardell, Mrs. Davis Reed and J. O. Atkinson, Jr.
 - Thanks to the families who have shared with us the Christmas poinsettias which add to the beauty of this sanctuary.
- OPEN HOUSE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS will be held this evening at seven o'clock at the parsonage. We hope all our college students can attend.
- A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE will be held here on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.
 The Carol Sing will begin at 7:45 P.M.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Larry Cardwell and Marie Parrish who were united in Holy Marriage in this sanctuary on December 21, 1968.
- HOSPITALIZED: Miss Nannie D. Reitzel is a surgical patient at Memorial Hospital of Burlington; Sheldon Cheek is a surgical patient at Chapel Hill.

HE has put down the migh

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

December 22, 196

Luke 1:39-5

How strange that a crown belongs more to the meek than to the mighty to a crib than to a cudgel, to a cross than to a crusher, to a mother tha to a monarch. Luke celebrates this in the words of Mary's Magnifica and we know that it is true. Our voluntary loyalty is not won by thos who conquer us with physical or financial force. It is won by those wh share themselves deeply with us. The crib and the cross proclaim God deepest sharing of himself with the world. Christmas celebrates th fact that the meek has conquered the mighty.

STOP, THINK, ACT

Before you sit down to enjoy your extra holiday calories these ner few days, stop long enough to remember the fact that every day—Chris mas included—10,000 persons, most of them children in the unde developed countries of the world, die from malnutrition. Here in the United States, recent estimates place the number of underfed at 1 million men, women and children. Around the world this holiday season will mean not feasting, but stark, terrifying hunger for hundreds of milions of people!

What can you do about the physical hunger which grips two-third of our world's population? Through your gifts to Our Christian Wor Mission you are already helping. The United Church Board for Wor Ministries, through its division of world service, seeks to meet eme gency needs wherever they occur. But more important still is the priori now being given to the hunger problem in two other ways: through agicultural ministries we are seeking to help raise food production; took through family planning ministries we are seeking to help existing for go further in the future. And through all that we do—at home and abroi—we are trying to exhibit the spirit of the Christ who alone can fill the deepest hunger of our world.



in Bethlehem of Judea



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 1968 - 8:00 P.M.

CAROL SINGING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Youth Choir

"Welcome, Heavenly King"
"Hark to the Angels"

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Pastor: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be

upon his shoulder.

People: And his name shall be called Wonderful

Counselor, the Mighty God, the

Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace

CAROL 137 "Away in a Manger"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-3; Micah 5:2-4

ANTHEM "The Vision of the Shepherds" W.B. 01

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-7; 8-20

*CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

CAROL 140 "What Child is This"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

(Upon the invitation of the minister and the direction of the ushers, the congregation will gather in small groups about the table.)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

(The candles will be lighted by the ushers during the singing of the following carol. They may be extinguished following the Benediction.)

*CAROL 138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
(First stanza sung in German as a solo by
Dr. A. B. Gminder.)

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (in unison)

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fulness of its joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

MAY THE

STAR OF CHRISTMAS

SHINE MORE RADIANTLY

NOW

THAN EVER BEFORE

WITH THE LIGHT OF

PEACE

ON EARTH

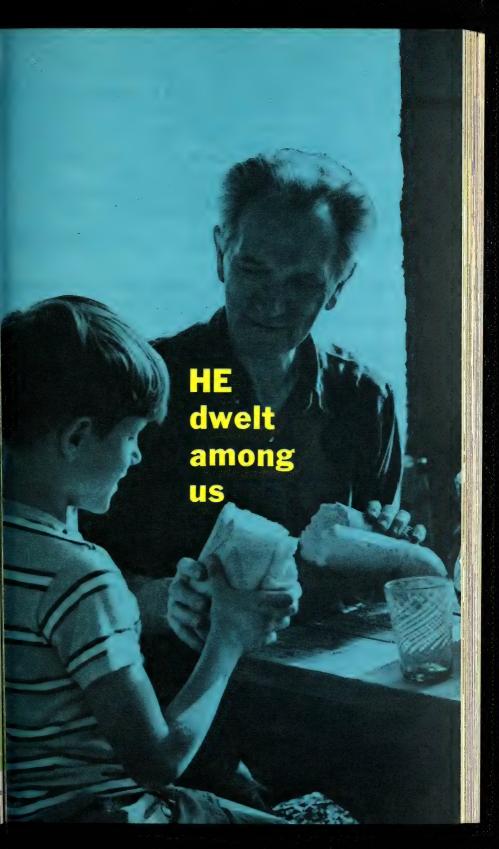
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Today, in this time of mortal blindness, it is to the gospel, revealed in the person of Him born in that illumined moment, to which it now behooves all mankind to turn.

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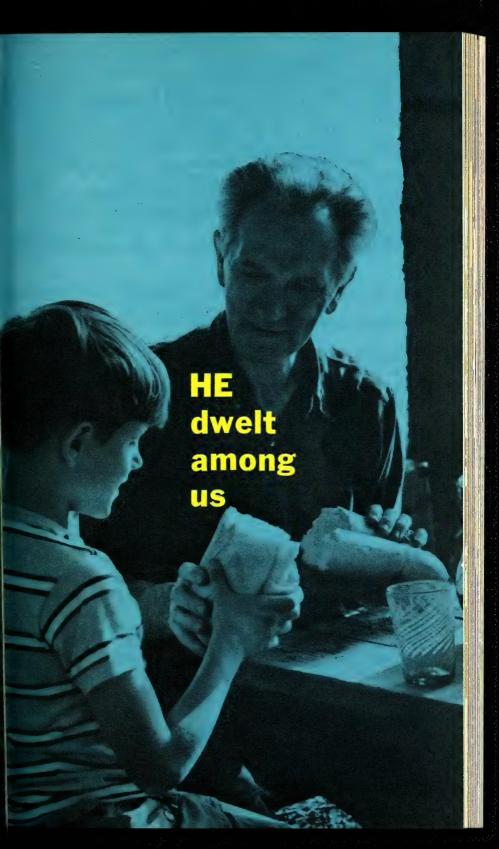
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The Rev. Richard Rinker, Guest Minister E. W. Brafford, Liturgist Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

December 29, 1968

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on 'Stuttgart' F. Peeters

Lighting the Candles - John Baxter, John MacDonald

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

* Prayer of Invocation

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament I Kings 8:12, 13, 27-30 New Testament John 17:6-19

The Gloria Patri

* The Statement of Faith

Mr. Brafford

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Lord, Incline Thine Ear to Us"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem "Ye Nations Praise the Lord" W. Watson

Hymn 264 "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now" (Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

Sermon Trenches, Ruts, and Other Things

Mr. Rinker

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory 'How Lovely Shines the Morning Star'

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 362 "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"
Benediction
Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"
Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude The Heavens are Telling from 'The Creation'
J. Haydn

*Congregation standing

VELCOME to each of you as you worship with us on this Sunday after Christmas.

Especially we welcome to our pulpit today the Reverend Mr. Richard Rinker. Mr. Rinker is the Minister of Christian Education of the Southern Conference and a member of this congregation.

UR PASTOR and family are visiting relatives in Ohio and will return on January 2. He can be reached in any need or emergency by calling Mrs.W. C. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Boland in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boland, parents of Mr. Boland.

ONGRATULATIONS to C. Stroud Noah and D. Milton
Huffine who were united in Holy Marriage in this
sanctuary on December 22, 1968.

HE SENIOR CHOIR will rehearse on Thursday, January 2, at 7:30 P. M.

NNUAL REPORTS from all committees and organizations of the church are due in the secretary's office by January 10.

EWS ITEMS or information for the Torch should be given to Mrs. Perry by Tuesday morning, Dec. 31st.

EVOTIONAL MATERIALS are on the narthex table.



HE dwelt among us

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 196

John 1:14-1

Religion sometimes is presented as calling us "to be with God" in som "spiritual" world. But this is not the Christian faith which proclain God's presence with us here in this world. "The word became flesh ard welt among us." That is, in Jesus, God climactically communicate his presence with us right here in the daily world of bread and table and people. That presence does not deny the physical world but affirm it. "He has come to us and shared our common lot" in order that he material specific presence is the living bread of his presence right here.

A NEW HOME FOR CASA MIA

Ever since Dr. Teofilo Santi began the Casa Mia neighborhood hou in 1951, it has ministered to literally thousands of families in the wate front slum area of Naples, Italy. Kindergarten and elementary scho classes, vocational training and sports clubs, medical assistance, clothin distribution and feeding programs for young and old have all been a pa of Casa Mia's vital ministry.

This year, several miles away in the expanding semi-industrial subu of Ponticelli, where the 90,000 population is expected to explode a quarter of a million in the next few years, Casa Mia is getting a ne home. A new Casa Mia is being built adjacent to, and associated wi a new Evangelical Hospital. Both the hospital, which was dedicat last October, and Casa Mia are administered by the Italian Servi Committee which represents the Waldensians, Methodists and all oth Protestant groups in the Naples area.

The United Church of Christ has not only contributed substant funds throughout the years but also has been represented by Miss Hul Stettler, gracious and energetic representative of the United Chur Board for World Ministries, who has served as resident director of Ca

Mia since 1953.

OUT OF EGYPT HAVE I CALLED MY SON

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor J. E. Danieley, Liturgist Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

January 5, 1969

11:00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Good Shepherd

Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF ADORATION 7 Immortal, Invisible God

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)
Gracious God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hast promised to receive us when we come
unto thee; we confess that we have sinned
against thee in thought, word, and deed.
We have disobeyed thy law and we have not loved
our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, free us from
sin, and grant that we may live and serve thee;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON Coming Out of "Egypt"

Mr. Hamilton

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Response

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray:

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo "O Come To My Heart"
Miss Winifred Barney, Contralto

Ambrose

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

nn 107 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (St. 1,2)

LEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Sanctus, 551 (in unison)
Words of Institution
The Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving

MN 152 We Would See Jesus

ARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Benediction

Choral Response "Let Us Now Depart In Peace"

STLUDE Moderato

Benoit

The Order of Worship today follows The Lord's

Day Service commended to the churches by the

Worship Commission of the United Church of Christ.

*Congregation Standing

AR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr. by Miss Ruth Dunn.

cles meet this week:

Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Miss Theo Strum
Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. W. W. Sloan
Monday at 8:00 P.M. at the Parish House
Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. L. D. Martin
Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. W. B. Terrell
Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Gladys Vickers

VIAL REPORTS from all committees and organizations are due in the secretary's office by January 10.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 1969

Matthew 2:13-23

What the Statue of Liberty symbolizes lies close to the overall thrus of the Bible as an Epic of Liberation. For Matthew, Jesus is the new Moses, each understood as God's deliverer from human bondage. Jesus climaxes and fulfills God's liberating work, but that work finds classic expression earlier in Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Ne groes have appropriated that event in the spiritual, "Go Down, Moses." It reminds us all of God's concern for human liberty and of our need for being delivered by him from the multiple forms of our bondage

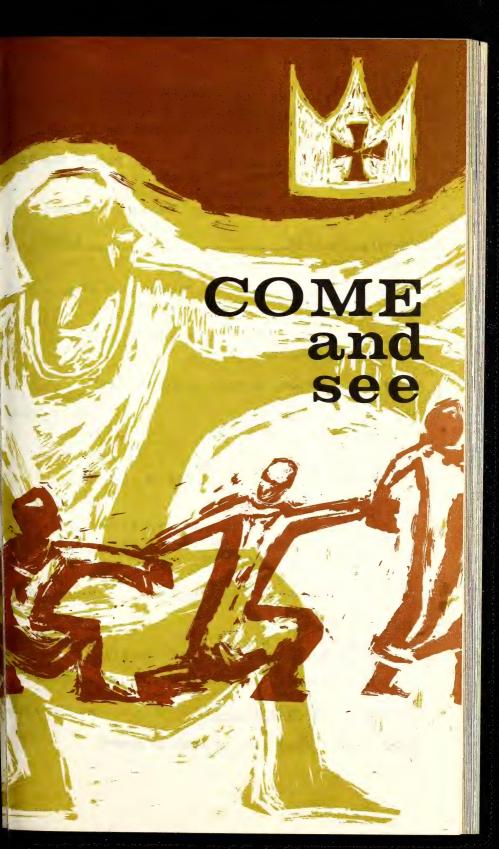
TOWARD A SECOND HUNDRED YEARS

In Mexico, land of contrast and land of change, there are many new signs of life. The whole culture seems now to be awakening. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Congregational Churches of Mexico to which we in the United Church of Christ have been related for nearly a hundred years. During this century-long mission in Mexico, pionee schools have been started at Mazatlan and Guadalajara. A clinic and two social service centers were initiated at Guadalajara, and a numbe of small congregations have been organized.

But, Protestant church growth has come slowly along the west coas of Mexico. By 1967 there were only 13 small congregations, and these stretched out in a long chain from Guadalajara in the South to Empalment in the North. Of these, only the congregation at Guadalajara was fully

self-supporting.

Then, a year ago at the annual conference meeting, a group of youn church leaders decided upon a new course of action. They developed a plan whereby the churches of Mexico would gradually reduce their financial dependence on the United Church Board for World Ministries that at the end of five years—which marks the end of their first hundred years—they would be completely independent so far as support of pastors' salaries and local church work are concerned. The Congregational Churches of Mexico will then all the more eagerly look forward to their second hundred years.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Reggie White and Maurice Shavers, Acolytes

January 12, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away Bach
(Orgelbuchlein)
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

* The Gloria Patri

John 1:33-46

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 379 "Lord of Our Life" (stanzas 1,3)
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Rejoice in the Lord"

G. F. Handel

THE OFFERING
Offertory Larghetto

G. F. Handel

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children will be dismissed for Junior Church)

SERMON Overshadowed

Mr. Hamilton

*HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" March G. F. Handel

*Congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this morning. We especially greet those who worship here for the first time. Please sign the Guest Register in the narthex and introduce yourself before you leave today. We hope you will want to worship with us each Sunday.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. J. M. Cheek by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held this morning for those persons whom we have elected to office or committee standing for the new year. D. D. Atkinson and J. Wesley Alexander are ordained as deacons and, with James B. MacDonald, are installed in their office.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

HOIR REHEARSALS THIS WEEK

Junior Choir - Monday at 3:30 P. M.

Primary Choir - Wednesday at 3:30 P. M.

Senior Choir - Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held on January 26. Written reports are still due from some of our committees and organizations.

HE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP of our church will have a dinner meeting in the Parish House on January 22 at 6:30 o'clock. Reservations should be made to Dr. Al Noah by January 19.

COME and see



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 12, 196

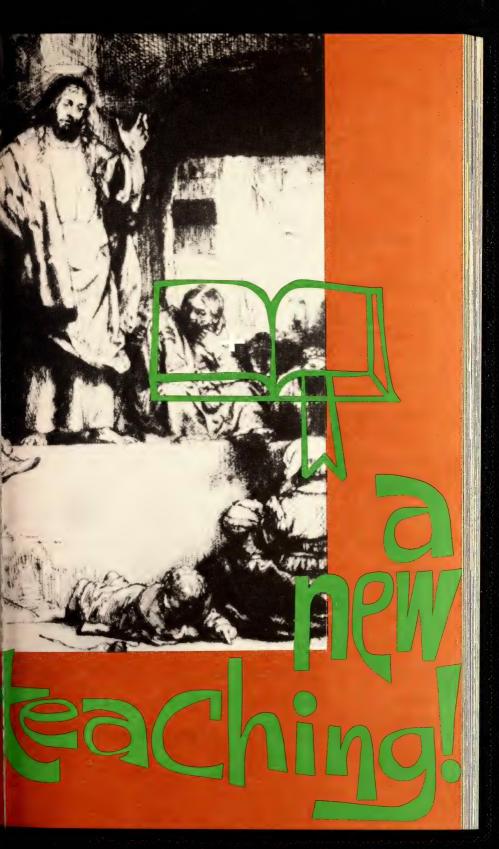
John 1:43-5

Secondhand faith is never convincing. For John's Gospel personal in volvement is utterly indispensable. This is the emphasis in the words "Come and see." The first disciples of Jesus were not called simply to believe something about him. They were called to involve themselve with him and thereby really become convinced that in him God wa uniquely at work to meet human need and expectation. Such involvement proves itself and provides the reason for inviting others, not to say lovely words about Jesus but to follow him.

10,000 NEW WELLS

During the past two years, more than 10,000 wells have been drilled dug, or deepened with equipment imported or purchased in India b Action for Food Production (AFPRO) through donations from churche and voluntary groups around the world. AFPRO's equipment pool is cludes some 23 highspeed drilling rigs, 25 trucks and jeeps, 13 tracto and 9 air compressors, welders and repair shops. Volunteers from fix nations have operated the equipment and trained Indians to do th same.

Thousands of tons of donated fertilizer have been imported and di tributed through local agricultural centers to supplement India's expan ing fertilizer industry. Improved high-yield seed has been distributed at future projects have been planned, evaluated and recommended. The basic strategy of AFPRO is to aim at the integrated development of or particular area at a time. The Maharashtra region in Western India we the first such area to be developed. Projects there were first initiated three contiguous districts, Nasik, Aurangabad, and Ahmednagar. A mater development plan has been prepared with technical informationabout the region's terrain and the agricultural conditions which large govern the priority to be given to projects within the region. Like much of the work supported by Our Christian World Mission, our sponse to India's famine has been both ecumenical and self-help centered.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor - W. B. Terrell, Liturgist Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

January 19, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Prelude in Eb

J. Lemmens

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-7 Mr. Terrell Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON * The Gloria Patri

John 2:1-11

STATEMENT OF FAITH

SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 378 "Lord of Our Life" (stanzas 1,3) The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

ANTHEM "Sanctus" (St. Cecilia Mass) Gounod

THE OFFERING

Offertory Paraphrase J. Joris

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The First Sign Mr. Hamilton

*HYMN 322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Thy Servants Depart in Peace" *POSTLUDE Postlude M. de Jong CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this morning. We especially greet those who worship with us for the first time. Please sign the Guest Register in the narthex and introduce yourself before you leave today. We hope you will want to worship with us each Sunday.

HE JUNIOR CHURCH SERVICE will be omitted today.

Children in grades 1-3 who usually are dismissed will remain today for the entire hour.

CLOWERS are placed on the altar table today to the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Marsha Lou Lankford on her birthday by her friends, Anna Rose, Carolyn, Anne, Doris, Martha, Dee, and Carol.

HE ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) meet this evening at 6:00 o'clock in the Youth Room.

HE BURLINGTON AREA CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets

Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the First
Christian Church in Burlington. Reservations for the dinner are due to Dr. Al Noah by tomorrow.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

THE CHRISTIAN LEARNING INSTITUTE
for leaders and teachers
to be held at the
Beverly Hills United Church of Christ

Today: 2:30 - 5:00

Monday: 7:30 - 9:30

Tuesday: 7:30 - 9:30



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 19, 1969

Mark 1:21-2

Words, words, words. That is the trouble with a lot of religious teaching It never gets beyond verbalization. In Mark's Gospel the people are astounded at Jesus, for his teaching coupled talk with healing action. The religious teachers of his day provoked no astonishment because the were good only at reciting past tradition. Jesus not only spoke a frest word, he also delivered men from the varied forces that held them captive and made them new men. His is not the authority of a petrified tradition but of a person still able to heal human life.

A GIANT STEP FORWARD

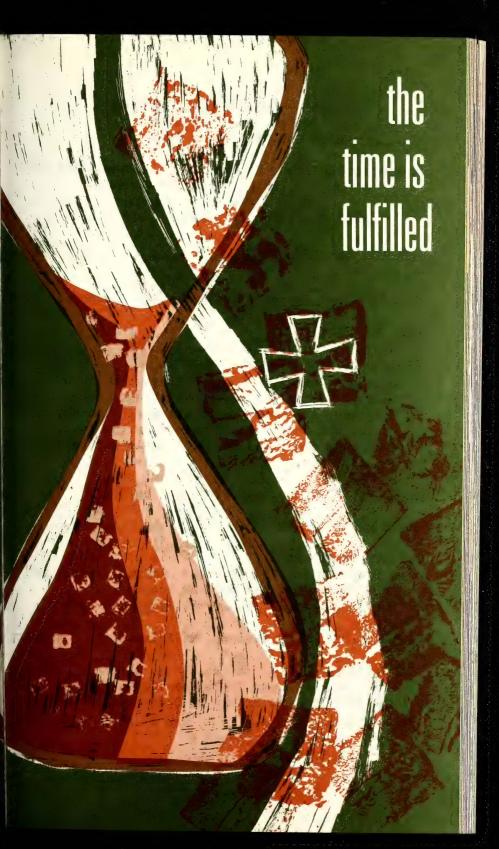
"When will Christian education become more than denominational education?" is a question asked by many a harried church school teacher. The answer for a quarter of a million Protestant and Roman Catholisteenagers is, now! This year many of them will be studying about the Bible and Christian beliefs from the same textbooks.

The development, described by both Protestant and Catholic educators as a "great ecumenical breakthrough," has been made possible be a joint publishing venture of the United Church Press, and Herder and

Herder, New York publishers for Catholic books.

Most congregations of the United Church of Christ have already see the new Confirmation Education Series. The Catholic version, bearin the imprimatur of the Bishop of Burlington, Vermont, will be known a the Christian Commitment Series. The Catholic edition has made technical editorial changes, such as substituting "mass" for "worship service and "priest" for "minister."

"The books were written by Christian scholars, not sectarian writers, comments Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of th United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the parent body of th United Church Press. "They are usable by all Christians. Here is proc that the Christian faith is one faith... The basic truths of Christianit are known to all Christians and are the guides for Christian conduction our divisions are not of God. They are man-made."



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January 26, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "This is the Day" PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Open our hearts, O God, to thy Spirit in our midst, that we may bring our beings to be forgiven, our minds to be instructed in thy truth, our hearts to be warmed by thy love. Then open our lives for fellowship with all thy children. Amen.

*HYMN 72 "The Spacious Firmament on High"

STATEMENT OF FAITH

SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us" The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "Lord, My Saviour, My Salvation" Schubert

THE OFFERING

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children in grades 1. 2. and 3 may be dismissed

(Children in grades 1, 2, and 3 may be dismissed for Junior Church.)

EW TESTAMENT LESSONS

John 3:22-30 Luke 7:18-20

ERMON

Between the Passages

YMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

ENEDICTION

OSTLUDE

Choral Response "Threefold Amen" Toccata

Gigout

*Congregation will stand

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LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. C. Chester Huey and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huey by Mrs. Huey and the family.

IE ACOLYTES will meet in the Pastor's study this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

E ELON YOUTH (grades 9-12) meet this evening at 6:45 o'clock in the Youth Room.

E ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in this Sanctuary. Reports from each of our organizations will be presented. The ushers will hand you copies of these reports as you leave this morning. We hope each of our members will make it his or her business to attend.

TRCH news items or information will be due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 26, 196

Mark 1:14-2

How the past is related to the present is a crucial concern Christian always face. Mark's Gospel shows this same concern in the words depicted on the cover. The verb strikingly is in a tense that combines the past with its continuing impact on the present. Fully translated it read "The time has been fulfilled and keeps on being fulfilled." Jesus' comir was a climactic event, but its impact is a present event wherever me follow him. As the one "who is and was and is to come" he is the Lor of all our times, always our timely contemporary.

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

When Dick Jones goes to the adult study class he is not concerne about a "Presbyterian" study of what the Bible says about Christia morals. When Betty Smith teaches the kindergarten class she doesn use a special teaching method for the United Church of Christ.

Both serve the same Lord, read the same Bible, and as Christian have substantially the same needs and problems. It is only right, then, the their churches work together in preparing study materials for them.

This is the thinking of the Christian Education staff members of the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ. The result is the joint planning and production of study materials. The needucational leadership magazine, Colloquy, and the Uniform Lesso Cooperative Series are now in use by both churches. Beginning in the fall, new pre-school and adult materials will be used jointly.

Denominational labels have been forgotten as editors and write confer frequently to outline and project forthcoming materials. The single concern is to produce the resources to help the Dick Joneses a Betty Smiths to understand their Christian heritage and to witness it in their daily lives.

This message is prepared for joint use by the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyter Church.

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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

February 2, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Introduction and Toccata in G major-Walond
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Unto thy temple, Lord,
we come with thankful hearts to worship.
In spirit and in truth
our silence and songs reach out for thee.
Dwell with us in this place;
increase in us love, hope, and faith. Amen.

*HYMN 352 "Lift up your Hearts!"

PSALTER READING 106, p. 537

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 4:1-26

SERVICE OF PRAYER
A Prayer Hymn 335 "What a Friend"
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Let Thy Word Abide in Us"

ANTHEM "Thou art He"

J. Pasquet

THE OFFERING

Offertory Chromhorne sur la Taille F.Couperin The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

ERMON A Well and a Woman

YMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" ENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord will give Strength"
OSTLUDE Rigandon A. Campra

*Congregation will stand

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us today. We especially greet our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mrs. R. S. Shomaker in memory of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Mitchell.

ODAY: 6:30 Elon Youth (grades 9-12) in Youth Room 7:30 Board of Deacons, in Hunter Room

IRCLES MEET THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS:

ircle 1 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Miss Lila Newman

ircle 2 Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. R.S. Shomaker

ircle 3 Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. W.W. Snyder

trcle 4 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. J.D. Schmidt trcle 5 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. C.R. Jeffreys

crcle 6 Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Malvin Artley

OPIES of our Annual Reports and Membership Directory are available in the narthex. We hope every family will read these reports which were presented at the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Jan. 26.

I)SPITALIZED: Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., in Alamance Memorial Hospital

bear witness to me



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

February 2, 196

Church Vocations Sunday

John 5:39-4

The vocation of every Christian has its roots in the Old Testament. For New Testament writers like John, Jesus Christ himself climaxes Old Testament expectations and reaffirms God's call for a servant community. The Hebrew on the cover is the ancient confession: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is one." That one Lord is not a little racial or national idol but the one who is at work in all history to give all people their true vocation. Jesus embodies that vocation, and commitment to him gives us the gift of a new and active concern for all life and for every human being.

WHEREVER THERE'S WORK TO DO

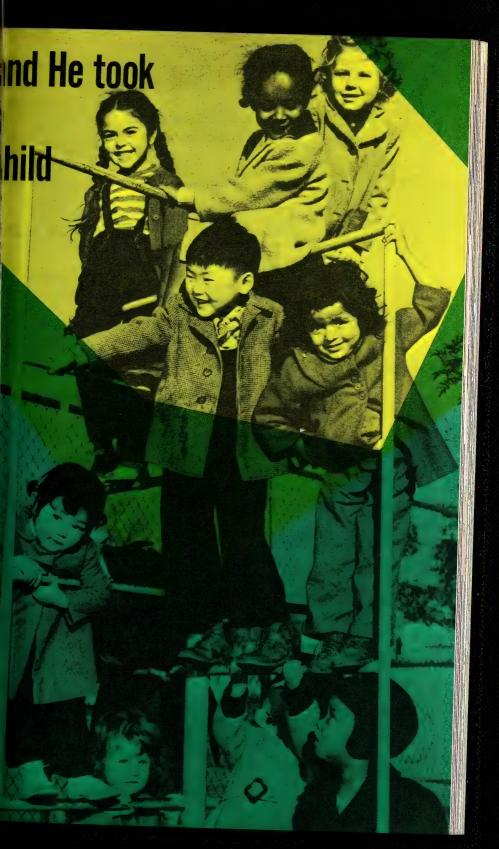
Words change their meaning. Once, "church vocation" clearly mea being a "minister" at home or a "missionary" abroad. But no longe Today we understand that all Christians share a common "vocation" calling to live their faith. And our concept of the church has broadene to include some 50 "occupations" and "careers."

A young man, motivated by Christian concern for the poor, trained law and public administration, sees his vocational faithfulness in the occ pation of lobbying in behalf of community development and publ housing. If he seeks a church career there well might be a place for him the staff of one of our conferences or national instrumentalities.

A young woman, prepared for a career in nursing, hears of the new for public health nurses and nursing supervisors in a church-supported hospital in Turkey or Africa, and volunteers to go as a representation of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Another, aware of the changes which our world demands of the loc church, and stimulated to be a part of its forward-looking leadershi determines to pursue a theological education, seek ordination, and ent its ministry as a pastor.

The "occupations" (and their number could fill an entire page) different the "vocation"—the sense of Christian calling—and the desire work this out within the church remains the same. To learn more about church careers and occupations, write: Personnel Services, Unit Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 1505 Race Street, Philadelph Pennsylvania 19102; Council for Church and Ministry, 289 Park Aven South, New York, New York 10010; Overseas Personnel, Unit Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York New York 10027; or, write to your conference office.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

February 9, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Chaconne in F Major

H. Purcell

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Unto thy temple, Lord,
we come with thankful hearts to worship.
Teach us to lift our hearts to thee
that all our gifts in service free
May glorify thy Holy Name.
Redeem us, then, in love to worship thee.Amen.

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

UNISON READING 95, p. 531

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 5:1-18

SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision" (stanzas The Pastor's Prayer for the People 1,2,3) Choral Response "Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord With Cheerful Voice"

C. P. E. Bach

THE OFFERING

Offertory Sarabande L. Couperin

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

The Pool as a Holy Place

HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
BENEDICTION

SERMON

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
POSTLUDE Psalm XVIII B. Marcello

*Congregation will stand

WE WELCOME each of you as you worship with us today.

We especially greet our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder in memory of Mr. C. M. Mann, father of Mrs. Snyder.

HE ELON YOUTH, grades 9-12, will meet this evening at 6:30 for a program on "Youth Role in Politics", led by Barry Oxford. The Junior High youth will meet next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 P. M.

RTICLES FOR THE TORCH are due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning. This issue will include a Calendar of Lenten Study and Worship Opportunities.

HRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to:

Rev. and Mrs. Guy Veazey upon the death of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Walker of Wadley, Alabama on January 29, 1969;

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Alexander of Concord, North Carolina on February 5, 1969.

SCOUT SUNDAY - We want to recognize the many scouts of our church and community and especially Cub Pack 55 who are worshipping with us today.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

February 9, 190

Race Relations Sunday

Mark 9:30-3

The picture of children from various races playing together immediate appeals to us. The hard fact of later racial prejudice is absent and a joyot delight prevails. As the disciples discussed who was the greatest, Jest placed a child in their midst. He spoke of receiving such a child arthereby receiving him. To receive a child is to receive also his raci blindness and radiant openness to delight in others. The big question not "Who's the greatest?" It is "Who has received the spirit of a chi that destroys human barriers and brings delight?"

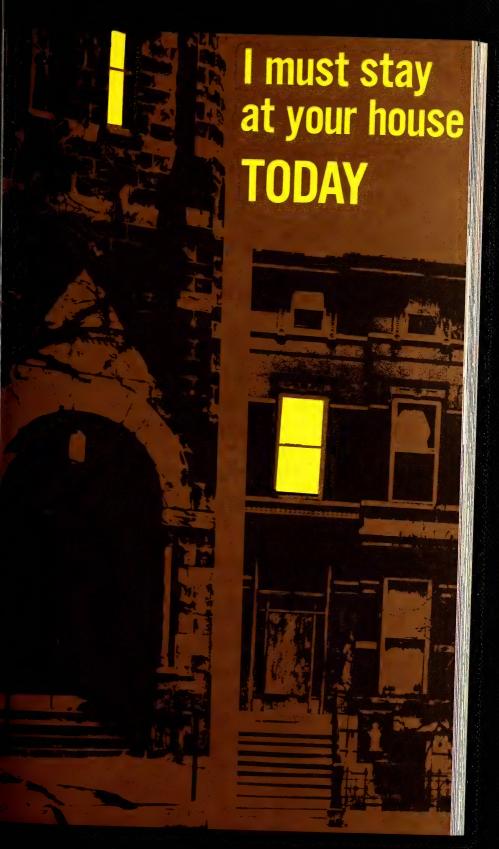
HOPE FOR HOUSTON

For thousands of poor in the city of Houston and Harris Count Texas, the past century of increasing technological advance has resulted only in increased exclusion and unconcern on the part of society. Recently, a concerned Methodist minister, the Reverend Earl E. Alle tried a new way of dealing with the problem of these Texas poor.

Dissatisfied with a local, government-sponsored anti-poverty agency ability to deal effectively with problems of the destitute, Mr. Allen r signed his position as agency director in order to redirect his efforts president of HOPE Development, Inc. (The initials stand for: Huma Organizational, Political, and Economic.) Now speaking for many Houston's quarter of a million Black citizens, Allen tells people that alone they can do little to help themselves or their fellowmen. Or together can they achieve their goals: the end of deprivation and povert the beginning of justice, equal opportunities and real freedom. Only t gether can they exert the power necessary to control their lives.

For many of Houston's citizens, HOPE Development, Inc. represents a positive and powerful force for long-needed change. Both t United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church have aid HOPE through contributions to IFCO, the Inter-religious Foundation Community Organization, which has provided \$90,000 for implementation for several badly-needed programs and projects in Houston.

This message is prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church and the United Chu of Christ.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Unto thy temple, Lord, we come with thankful hearts to worship.

May thy divine blessing be upon us to guide, strengthen, and unite us.

Be with us as we make our Master's Prayer our own: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

PSALTER READING 88, Psalm 86

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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6:1-15

SERVICE OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 334 "Father, in Thy Mysterious Pastor's Prayer for the People Presence" Choral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts"

ANTHEM

"Where is Thy God?"

Vance

THE OFFERING

Offertory Trio, on a Melody (1666)

Joris

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church)

More Than Plenty

YMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages" ENEDICTION

ERMON

Choral Response "The Lord will give Strength"
OSTLUDE Dialogue (Mass for the Convents) Couperin

*Congregation will stand

We especially greet our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

We welcome also the members of the Pi Kappa Tau Sorority and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

LOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson.

E JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH (grades 7 and 8) will hold a general meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to determine the interest in forming a youth group. The Senior High Youth meet at 6:30 for a program on "What is Lent?".

E CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Monday at 7:30 P. M. in the Hunter Room.

AH WEDNESDAY is February 19. The first of our Lenten Studies will be held at 12:15 - 1:30 o'clock, led by Dr. Hurst. You are asked to bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided. The Ash Wednesday Communion Service, with the Edgewood Church as our guests, will begin at 7:15 P. M.

SPITALIZED: Dr. Howard Richardson, Memorial in Burlington;

Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, Chapel Hill Memorial

TODAY

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

February 16, 1969

Universal Day of Prayer for Students

Luke 19:1-10

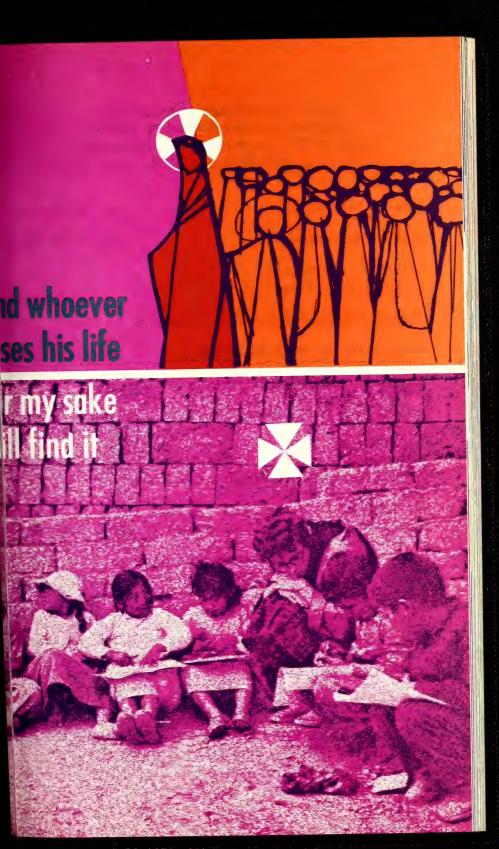
Sometimes Jesus was criticized for the company he kept. He was at tacked for translating temple talk about compassion into active love for those whom others scorned. He was not content for light to remain a religious symbol in the synagogue. He wanted it to be an illuminating power in the daily lives and homes of persons on every rung of the social ladder. His own life was such a light. The light and language of our churches really matter only when they are embodied in lives that care for all persons and that turn pious confession into personal compassion.

LEGACY AND CHALLENGE

For more than a century and a half, the United Church Board for World Ministries and its predecessor boards have been at work in India One of the legacies of this long-term commitment is a continuing concern for higher education. Ahmednagar College in West India, Lady Doak College and American College at Madurai, Madras Christian College Women's Christian College and St. Christopher's Training College, both also at Madras in the South, stand as bright beacons pointing the way of undergraduate liberal education. They have set the pace in development of curriculum, faculty research projects, and student self-determination of objectives. Today, under vigorous Indian leadership they are stronger and better than they have ever been.

This "legacy," however, is also a challenge. All colleges and universities in India are engaged in rethinking their purposes and their goals. Less than two years ago, some 130 of them joined in a National Board for Christian Higher Education, concerned to make their maximum contribution to India's life and culture in the mid-twentieth century. Together with Roman Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Disciples our United Church Board for World Ministries is making special contributions toward some fifteen major projects of this new board.

Around the world, the UCBWM annually budgets some \$637,000 for support of higher education, more than any other mission board in the world. In a day in which governments are increasingly taking responsibility for primary and secondary education, our Board is placing increased priority on work with college and university students.



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Ash Wednesday Service With Communion February 19, 1969

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Pastors

PRELUDE (see insert)

Choir and Organ

PRAYER OF INVOCATION The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*HYMN OF TRUST 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (stanzas 1,2,3)

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:17-26

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

PRAYER HYMN 160 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

THE OFFERING

Offertory O Bread of Life from Heaven II Bender * The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

"And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ""

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea, Beyond the sacred page I see Thee, Lord: My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word. (To be sung by congregation)

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do the things I command you.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me - to me As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee; Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

(To be sung by congregation)

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me.
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(To be sung by congregation)

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Just as I am! Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down,
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

(To be sung by congregation)

HE INSTITUTION OF ELEMENTS

(The ushers will direct the people to the Table where individual communion will be served.)

YMN OF DEDICATION 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ENEDICTION and Choral Amen OSTLUDE Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (Orgelbuchlein) J. S. Bach

*Congregation will stand

Inisters: Thomas R. Hamilton, Mark W. Andes

rganist: Mrs. Al Hassell

hoir Director: Mrs. Al Gminder



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 196

Matthew 16:21-2

Jesus did not just talk to others about "losing life." He lost himse completely in sharing God's love for people. For those who cared to little, he cared too much. He had to face hostility, suffering and death But such losing of life is not the end. It brings the power of God's ner life. It is a life present wherever persons lose themselves in the spir of Jesus' love for people. To do this is to celebrate Lent and to find tru life, his life, present with us.

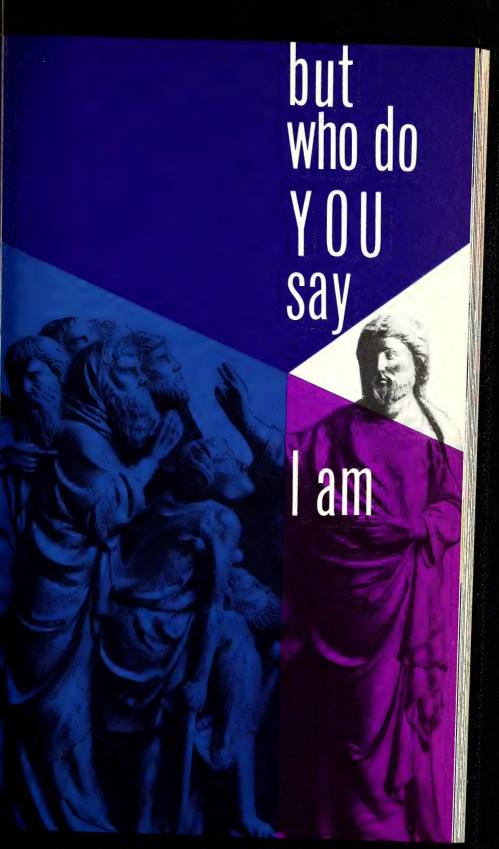
DOES EVERY MAN HAVE HIS PRICE?

Not long ago twenty salesmen from several churches in the greate Detroit area gathered for a series of five Sunday evenings to explor this question. Led by a representative of the Detroit Industrial Mission they took a hard look at some of the issues confronting salesmen today. Together they sought to clarify the ethical dimensions of their work

The group began by reading a case study of an insurance salesma who was offered a chance to gain \$5,000 in commissions—for a price Asked what he would do in similar circumstances, one man replied "most important is whether you are going to get caught!" Others con mented that kickbacks are just one of the costs of doing business toda Still others had mixed feelings about accepting such offers. The group arrived at no simple answers. They weren't really supposed to. Rather the series was designed to serve as a challenge to self-evaluation. After completing the five sessions most of the group agreed that it had.

Through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we support the work of the Detroit Industrial Mission and other similar efforts across the country to help men and women in their relationship

to the "world of work."



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

First Sunday in Lent - February 23, 1969 - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Prelude on a 2nd Mode Melody Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Bound together in many ways, but especially in our common need of thee, we come, Lord God, to worship. Prepare us for wisdom, courage, and strength for daily living. Be with us as we make our Master's Prayer our own:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 4:1-11

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: "Marie Hill"

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

SOLO "The Lord is My Light" Speaks
Miss Sara Everette, Soprano

THE OFFERING
Offertory O Christ, Thou Lamb of God Mueller
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

*HYMN 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

SERMON

Crisis

*HYMN 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
*BENEDICTION and Choral Response "Threefold Amen"
*POSTLUDE O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
Brahms

*Congregation will stand

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us today.

We extend a special greeting to our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Worship with us often.

FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brock D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Truitt.

YOUTH MEETINGS today:

Junior High (grades 7 & 8) at 4:30 in Parish House Senior High (grades 9-12) at 6:30 at the Middle School Gymnasium

THE ANNUAL CUB SCOUT BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET will be held Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish House.

LENTEN STUDY will be Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P. M. Dr. W. T. Scott will lead us in a study of Hebrews 11. Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided.

TORCH news items or information are due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. H. R. Richardson, Burlington Memorial Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis, Chapel Hill



SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

February 23, 1969

Luke 9:18-27

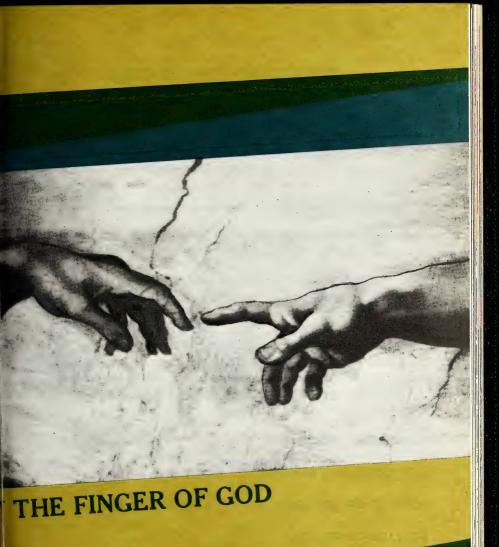
Confessions of Faith can so easily become more a repetition of pious tradition than a response of personal trust. Jesus did ask the disciples what other people said about him, but he pointedly concludes "Who do you say I am?" In Luke's Gospel the response of Peter is, "The Christ of God"—the Messiah or the one chosen to fulfill God's purpose in human life. But that purpose, often interpreted in terms of crushing power, Jesus interprets in terms of personal suffering. He whom we confess does not win our trust by a cudgel but by a cross. Such love conquers us!

WHENEVER CHRISTIANS ACT TOGETHER

In Connecticut, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ have found a new road to Christian unity. All these groups were troubled by poor housing in Connecticut's fourteen major cities. Banding together, they each supplied manpower and funds to establish the Connecticut Interfaith Housing Corporation (CIH), a kind of domestic "development bank."

Three major problems confronted them: lack of political power, financial power, and housing expertise. Members of CIH systematically went to work. They urged creation of a state Community Affairs Department. They persuaded a large insurance company to make low interest, short term loans for construction. They set about obtaining for themselves the kind of expertise needed to create public housing. Now, tooled up to do a job, the Connecticut Interfaith Housing Corporation is helping more than 20 local sponsoring bodies initiate some 500 units of public housing and additional 200 units of housing for the aged per year.

Both direct rentals and cooperatively owned apartments will be built under CIH's highly flexible procedures. The state Community Affairs Department has made seed money available to churches and other interested sponsors. As a result, churchmen have been able to meet some of Connecticut's housing needs with only minimal initial investment. Connecticut's new tax-abatement laws are also highly favorable to such development. The CIH is one more example of mission going a very long way on a very small budget.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Second Sunday in Lent

March 2, 1969

PRELUDE Toccata and Fugue in F Major D. Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lent is a lens ..."

Choral Response "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Lord God Almighty, whose gifts we receive with
joyfulness, give us yet the Spirit of thy Son
that we may enter into the fellowship of his
redeeming love. Using words he taught us, we pray:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:20-36

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: "Rube's Service Center"

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

ANTHEM "God is Our Strength and Song" D. Peninger

THE OFFERING

Offertory A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

* The Doxology and Dedication Prayer -Pachelbel

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

MMN 170 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ERMON

C For Courage

IYMN 77 "Be Still, My Soul"

(stanzas 1 & 2)

ENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
OSTLUDE Toccata in E Major J. Pachelbel

*Congregation will stand

We especially welcome our visitors and ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

LTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Jr. in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott.

UR CONGREGATION will worship this evening at 7:30 at the Edgewood United Church of Christ.

OUTH MEETINGS today:

Junior High (grades 7 & 8) at 4:30 in Parish House Senior High (grades 9-12) at 6:30 in Youth Room

OARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 P.M.

HE MEN OF THE CHURCH will meet briefly at 8:00 P. M. tomorrow evening at Johnson Hall on the campus of the Elon Home for Children.

HE MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. in the Hunter Room.

John G. Truitt will lead us in a study of I Cor. 13.
Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided.

BY THE FINGER OF GOD

FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 2, 1969

Luke 11:14-23

Our world is impressed by power. But to what kind of power can a Christian give his allegiance? Michelangelo's famous painting, a detail of which is on our front cover, points to God's power to create human life. Luke's Gospel proclaims that same power at work in Jesus to recreate human life and liberate it from all de-humanizing forces. The Christian faith celebrates the victorious power of God's new humanity in Jesus Christ. If we align ourselves with such Good News, we shall experience a power worthy of our allegiance and a life liberated to be a liberating "finger" among men now.

TO MAKE THEM SECURE

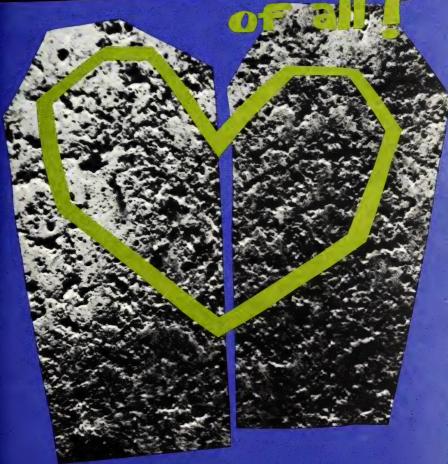
The minister and his family and the career layworker in the church are the special concern of our congregations, conferences and the Pension Boards, all of whom work together with these "servants of the church" to help them find security through adequate preparation for retirement and—for ministers and their families—through emergency help and relief.

The key to security for the career church worker, lay or ordained, is the Christian employer. Almost all financial undergirding is based first of all on an adequate salary during the earning years. United Church of Christ retirement plans are among the most generous in the church field and reflect the dedicated stewardship of those who manage the funds But, only as dues are paid on adequate salaries, can the annuities themselves be adequate. The overwhelming majority of our churches now pay the recommended eleven percent dues for their ministers.

Security for the active minister comes also through health and life insurance plans sponsored by the Church. In addition to the new Family Protection Plan for Ministers offered by The Pension Boards, there is the continuing work of ministerial relief made possible by the annual Christmas Fund – Veterans of the Cross appeal.

Churches which share in such plans raise the level of their minister's calling and extend his strength as he ministers to others.

which commandment is the first.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Jack O. White, Director of Music Malvin Artley, Sr., Violinist Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Third Sunday in Lent

March 9, 1969

PRELUDE

Cavatina

J. Raff

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lent is a lens. Choral Response" "This is the Day"

"Lent is a lens ..."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) Lord God Almighty, whose gifts we receive with joyfulness, give us yet the Spirit of thy Son that we may enter into the fellowship of his redeeming love. Using words he taught us, we pray: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Mark 9:27-31

II Timothy 1:8-12 "Rejoice, O My Spirit" ANTHEM

J. S. Bach (Aria from Cantata No. 15) Junior Choir

MOMENTS OF CONCERN:

O. I. C.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers of the People Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts"

ANTHEM "Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place" R. Monaco OFFERTORY Air from Suite in D Major J. S. Bach

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

HYMN 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

SERMON

For A Certainty

HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Toccata Dubois

*Congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us today. A special greeting to our visitors, and we ask that you please sign the Guest Register in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mrs. Lucille Kluttz in memory of her husband and father, Mr. John D. Kluttz and Mr. Carroll Dean.

TODAY:

4:30 P.M. Junior High Youth (grades 7 and 8) 6:30 P.M. Senior High Yough (grades 9-12)

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons

LENTEN STUDY will be Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P. M. Dr. Clyde Fields will lead us in a study of Luke 15.
Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided.

HE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Hunter Room. Members of the committee are: Earl Vickers, Mrs. E. S. Lankford, Mrs. J. T. McLoud, Al Noah, Dee Atkinson, Ralph Oxford, John Barney, J. E. Danieley, and Ed Powell.

ORCH ARTICLES are due by Tuesday morning.



FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 9, 1969

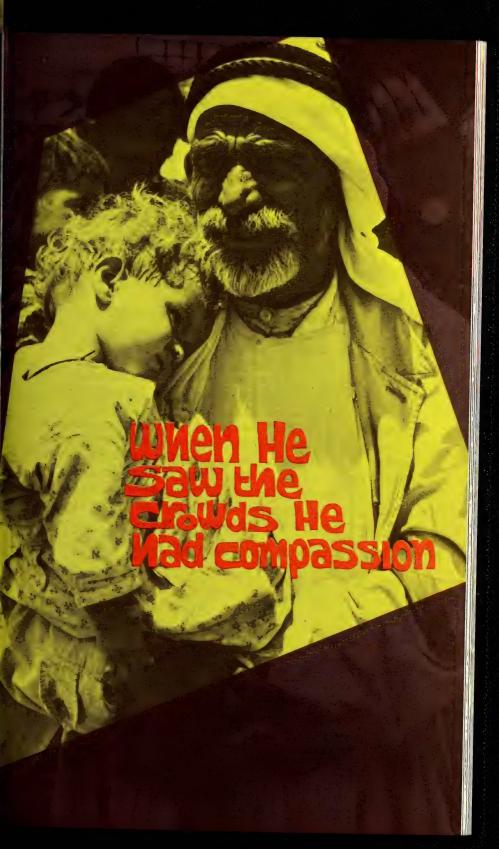
Mark 12:28-34

Many seem to regard the Christian faith as keeping a set of rules. If you keep them, you are "in" with God. But Jesus attacked all such self-righteous rule-keeping and reaffirmed the great and inseparable responses of love for God and love for neighbor. And they are responses! In both Old and New Testaments loving is not a means to God's favor but a response to his gift of deliverance from bondage. We love because he first loves us and frees us to really care for every human being. For love is not a sentimental feeling but a concrete and genuine concern for people.

MARS HELPS CLOSE THE GAP

The gap which exists on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines is not the missile gap, but it is just as dangerous—perhaps even more so It is rather a "seed and information gap," for while there is much available knowledge about the possibility of increasing food production in the Philippines today, very little of this information reaches the remote areas of the country. Even when rural people want to grow more food to meet the needs of a spiraling population, they cannot get good seed.

Not long ago, the Rural Life Program of the United Church of Chris of the Philippines spearheaded an ecumenical program to make both farm bulletins and good seed available to rural people. The program coordinates the efforts of rural pastors and priests, civic groups and government agencies, each of which is concerned with a different face of the total problem. This far-reaching program, the Mindanao Actior for Rural Service, MARS for short, is currently fighting the war or hunger by helping to close the "seed and information gap." Through your giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing—Share Our Substance offering, which in many congregations will be observed next Sunday you enable our United Church Board for World Ministries to join with other U. S. denominations in supporting this important program.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 16, 1969

PRELUDE Suite Medievale (I, II) J. Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Response "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Eternal, Holy, Almighty, whose name is love: we are met in spirit and in truth to worship thee. We come in deep humility; we come in penitence. We come to make our wills one with thine, to abandon our selfish walk for solemn communion with thee, to put an end to sin by welcoming to our hearts thy Holy Presence. Deeper than we have ever known, enter, thou Maker of our souls; clearer than we have ever seen, dawn thy glory on our sight. Here receive us, and our worship, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Before the Cross of Jesus" *HYMN 161

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Elevation (III) J. Langlais Offertory

A CHANCEL DRAMA - THE PEOPLE VERSUS CHRIST by Albert Johnson

Cast: Narrator - Jim Gillespie

Mary - Paula Schmidt
Man - Dice Wyllie
- Larry Sage

Director:

Supervisor: - Professor A. S. Moffett

POSTLUDE Acclamations (V)

J. Langlais

E CHILDREN in the Junior Church will remain in the sanctuary this morning.

R THANKS to the Drama Department of Elon College, the cast, director, and supervisor for leading our worship, using the medium of religious drama. (Produced by special arrangement with Baker's Plays, Boston, Massachusetts.)

TAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest in memory of Mr. Homer J. Cochran, father of Mrs. Longest.

UTH MEETINGS: Junior Highs at 4:30 today in the Parish House.

The Senior Highs are attending the Chancel Drama and serving as Ushers.

E CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

E LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will be Wednesday, 12:15 to 1:30 P. M. Dr. W. W. Snyder will lead us in a study of Matthew 25. Come this Wednesday and bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

TERING ENVELOPES for the One Great Hour of Sharing annual offering were distributed through the Torch mailing this past week to each home. These envelopes may be used today or next Sunday for your gifts. When we all share through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering we help feed the hungry, heal the sick, give drink to the thirsty, and provide shelter to the homeless. Additional envelopes for this special offering are in the pew racks for those who need them.

DLYTES assisting in the service today are Philip
Benton and Mark Danieley. J. Mark McAdams and
W. R. Pendergrass are the Greeters, and Mrs. Guy
Veazey and Mrs. Cary Matlock are serving in the nursery.



THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 16, 1969

One Great Hour of Sharing-Share Our Substance

Matthew 9:27-37

Compassion is not detached pity. The word itself means "a suffering with." Even more vivid, in Matthew the original word means literally "to feel with your guts." Jesus felt deeply and met decisively the hurts and bondage of people. His whole life expressed God's care and his desire to bring new life and hope to all his children. Today, to meet the almost unbelievable suffering of literally millions is not only a question of material resources. It is also a question of people with a capacity for compassion.

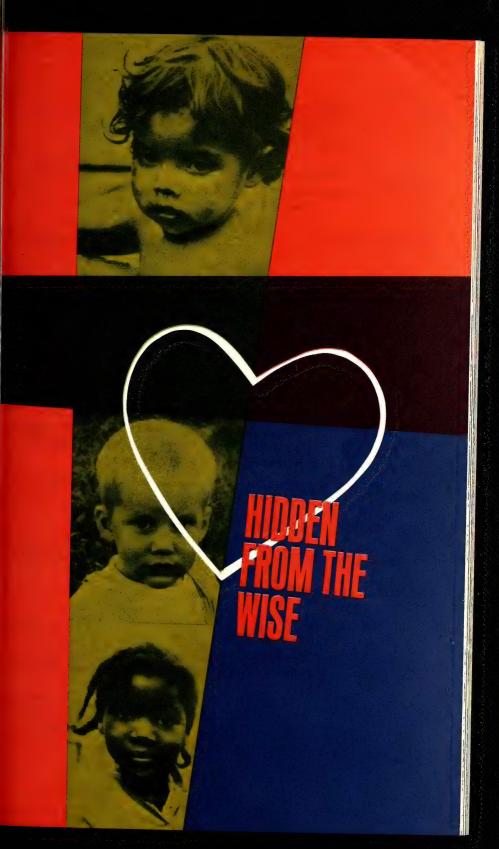
"REFUGEE . . ."

What thoughts skim across your mind when you hear the word "refugee"? Do you think of a homeless Arab somewhere east of the Jordan? Or do you think of a blood-spattered mother and child in Vietnam? Do you think of a displaced Cuban family in Miami? Or do you bring to mind the stark starvation of Biafrians in strife-filled central Africa? All these are refugees, and the list goes on and on. Daily it grows.

What are we in the United Church of Christ and in the United Presbyterian Church doing to help? In some respects we're doing quite a lot. Nearly a third of the money given through the annual One Great Hour of Sharing appeal goes to feed, clothe and rehabilitate refugees. And that amount—more than \$850,000 last year—seems like a lot until you average it out among the two million members of the United Church of Christ and among the more than three million members of the United Presbyterian Church. Then the 16¢ per member which it represents seems very small—infinitesimal!

Through Church World Service of the National Council of Churches and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service of the World Council of Churches as well as directly, the United Church Board for World Ministries and the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations of the United Presbyterian Church are prepared to help refugee people everywhere. Their compassion is limited only by our generosity.

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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Passion Sunday

March 23, 1969

PRELUDE Introitus on "Ah, Holy Jesus,
How Hast Thou Offended?" G. Slater

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lent is a lens ..."

Response "We Have Thought of Thy Kindness"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O Lord God, bless us now with a sense of thy presence. Deepen our faith, that we need not fear. Help us to know forgiveness, that we may be forgiving. Make real to us Him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen

*HYMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:25-37

ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb of God" Primary Choir

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: O. G. H. S.

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts"

ANTHEM "Save Us, O Lord" J. Roff

OFFERTORY Andante A. Raison
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

HYMN 157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

SERMON The Christ of Compassion

HYMN 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
POSTLUDE Jesus I Will Ponder Now J. S. Bach

*Congregation will stand

THE FLOWERS are placed on the altar to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. H. L. Hassell, by Mr. and Mrs. Al Hassell and Eddie Hassell.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard upon the birth of Jennifer Leanne on March 15.

YOUTH MEETINGS TODAY:

4:30 P.M. Junior High Youth 6:30 P.M. Senior High Youth

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Wednesday evening in the Parish House. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Reservations are due to Dr. Al Noah. The speaker is Steve Caddell.

LENTEN STUDY will be Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P.M. Dr. William Elzey will lead a study of John 17. Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided. Nursery care is available.

THE SEEKERS' CLASS is holding a covered dish dinner Friday evening at 6:15 in the Parish House.



SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 23, 1969

Matthew 11:25-3

The capacity of children to trust and to enter totally into what they are doing delights us all. They do not ask for a rational explanation before they are willing to "commit" themselves. Rather they throw themselves into what they do and let their own involvement validate their trusting participation. Jesus' words in Matthew, "Come to me,' is an invitation to this kind of trusting participation with him. We do no convince ourselves of his love for us by argument, but by entering into it we discover indeed that he is worthy of our trust.

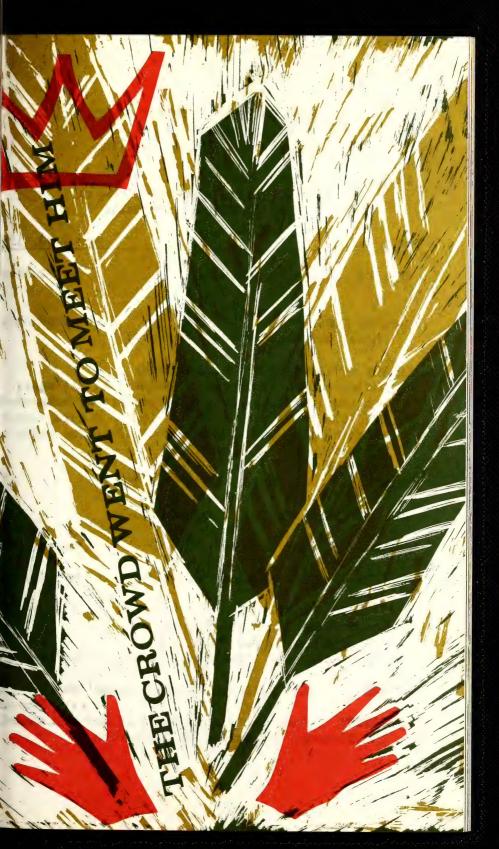
DOWN IN THE DELTA

Along both banks of the Mississippi River, from Memphis south to Vicksburg, lies an area commonly known as the Delta where widespread unemployment and hunger among unskilled farm workers bring to focu the problems of rural poverty and the world's concern. Life in the Delta has worsened year by year as more and more of the cotton crop is picked and processed by machines. Thousands have been caught in the devas tating changes.

The churches of the United States through the Delta Ministry of th National Council of Churches have tried to show their concern. The have sought to meet immediate human needs for food, clothing, an medicine, and they have developed programs in education, economic and housing. Through voter registration and citizenship education they have encouraged local participation in the democratic process and tried

to help people to solve their own problems.

The churches of the world also share in these concerns. Last year, th death of Dr. Martin Luther King was the occasion for a memorial tribut of more than \$82,000 to the Delta Ministry from churches in more than a dozen nations around the world. This memorial fund is being use to provide a permanent water supply for the inhabitants of Freedor City, a resettlement project in the Delta. Through Our Christian World Mission you help those in need in the Delta as well as around the world



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Palm Sunday

March 30, 196

PRELUDE

Hosanna!

W. Faulkne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Response "Thee We Adore"

Pastor and Choi

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O King of Men, Master of disciples in all ages,
entering into thy glory by a Cross: we acknowled;
thy rule over every realm of life. O Lord, enter
into thy Kingdom; subdue the world by the might o
thy love. Amen.

*HYMN 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:28-44

ANTHEM "The Garden"

Junior Choi

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: "Aah" To "Zuzuniyet" Mr. Wilkin

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers of the People Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts"

ANTHEM "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Arr. Simeon

OFFERTORY I Sing the Mighty Power of God-Arr. Hassel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

*HYMN 172 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

SERMON Cheers on Decision Day

*HYMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Will Give Strength Unto His People"

*POSTLUDE Lift Up Your Heads S. Bingham

*Congregation will stand

THE FLOWERS are placed on the altar to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. James L. Foster, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith

TODAY 2:30 Spring District Meeting of Senior High Youth at Union Ridge

4:00 Choral Vesper Service in Whitley

4:30 Junior High Youth in Parish House

6:00 Senior High Youth at Middle School

CIRCLES MEETING this week are:

Circle 3, Monday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. W. G. White Circle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Truitt Circle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Hamilton

LENTEN STUDY will be Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P.M. Dr. W. W. Sloan will lead a study of I Corinthians 15. Bring a sandwich; beverage will be provided.

THE COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held here Friday evening at 7:30.

ASSISTING in the Service today are Louis Wilkins, former missionary to Turkey; and John Park, Jon White, and Tommy Dechant on the trumpets.



PALM SUNDAY

March 30, 1969

A positive response to Jesus by some produces a negative reaction to him by others. As depicted in John's Gospel, the crowd that went to meet him had experienced his capacity to give new life and they desired to acknowledge this truly kingly power. But vested religious interests resented this acclaim. They regarded themselves as the true channe of right religion. They did not welcome any challenge to their authority and sought ways to silence even a bringer of new life to men. Yet John's Gospel portrays that even such vested interests must say to one another "You see that you can do nothing; look, the world has gone after him.' The power to bring new life to the world has no equal!

That kingly power is not a power that rides on to a royal feast in a castle but to a ruthless fate on a cross. Yet the hour of apparent defea becomes the hour of climactic victory. Self-giving love, willing to enter even into death, remains the power that wins the greatest battle—the battle for the loyalty of our hearts and the dedication of our lives. Those who try to silence such love lose the battle and the victim becomes

the victor.

On Palm Sunday, the King who rides on to die does not call for the shallow adoration of our lips but for the searching application of our lives to the bringing of his new life to the world.

Paul L. Hammer

Professor of New Testament

Colgate Rochester Divinity School

Rochester, New York

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Elon College, North Carolina

Miss Anna Rose Marino, Organist Jack O. White, Choir Director

Good Friday 7:30 P. M. April 4, 1969

Community Good Friday Service A Re-enactment of Holy Week

PRELUDE "Were You There?" Negro Spiritual

The Triumphal Entry Mr. Hamilton Sunday: Call to Worship Mark 11:1-10

* Hymn 175 "Ride On in Majesty"

Mr. Bray Monday: Cleansing the Temple
Scripture Mark 11:15-20

Prayer

Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The Last Supper Tuesday: Mr. Andes

Scripture Mark 14:17-25

Prayer

"Behold and See" P. Martini Anthem

Inesday: Gethsemene
Scripture Mark 15:32 Wednesday: Mr. Petersen

Mark 15:32-42

Prayer

Hymn 178 "Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Father of us all, we sense before thee the unworthiness of all our deeds. As we have offended others, so are we often the object of hurtful thoughts, words and deeds.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

So we seek to live as acceptable in thy sight. Grant us the joy of loving thee into all eternity.

TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

Thou hast made us to be children of thine, to care
for each other, to steady the arms of faith and the
arms of life. In tender compassion, help us minister
to those whom thou hast given us to love.

WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON! ... BEHOLD THY MOTHER. Yet we are troubled, disturbed; and we feel a loneliness in grief. Why is the body so weak, the flesh so frail? Why suffering? Why the torment? Lord God in whom we believe, help our unbelief.

MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?
Our needs, known and unknown to us, are known to thee.
The body craves its nourishment for strength and hope and meaning in life. Share with us of that spring of water which wells up to eternal life.

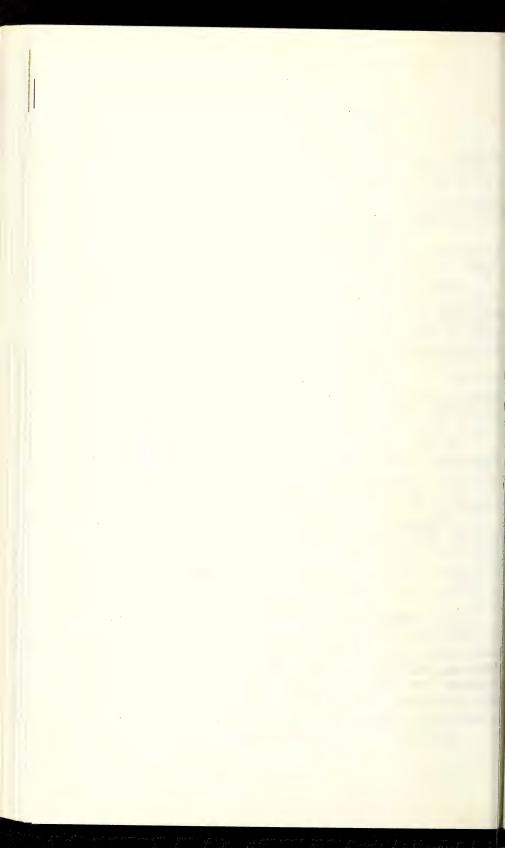
I THIRST.

How we struggle with each of life's opportunities. The deed of yesterday is done; it cannot be undone. The wrong cannot be righted. Yet nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from thy love in Christ our Lord.

IT IS FINISHED.

We come here, O God, professing our complete loyalty and utter trust in thee. We say as did our Master: "not my will but thine be done; for into thy hands I commit my life, with all its broken purposes, its sufferings and its defeats, to be used and perfected by thee".

FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.



Thursday:

The Trial

Mr. Leonard

Scripture

Mark 15:1-15

Prayer

Hymn 374 "In the Hour of Trial"

Friday:

Golgotha

Mr. Bray

Scripture

Mark 15:22-32

Prayer

Hymn 172 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

Saturday:

Silence

Mr. Hamilton

Scripture

Mark: 15:33-39

The Responsive Prayer (enclosed)

Hymn 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Benediction and Organ Chimes

POSTLUDE "In Deaths Strong Grasp the Savior Lay" Bach

- * Indicates when the congregation stands.
- ** Offering plates have been placed at the doors of exit. Your contribution this evening will help to alleviate world-wide need through the One Great Hour of Sharing.

PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

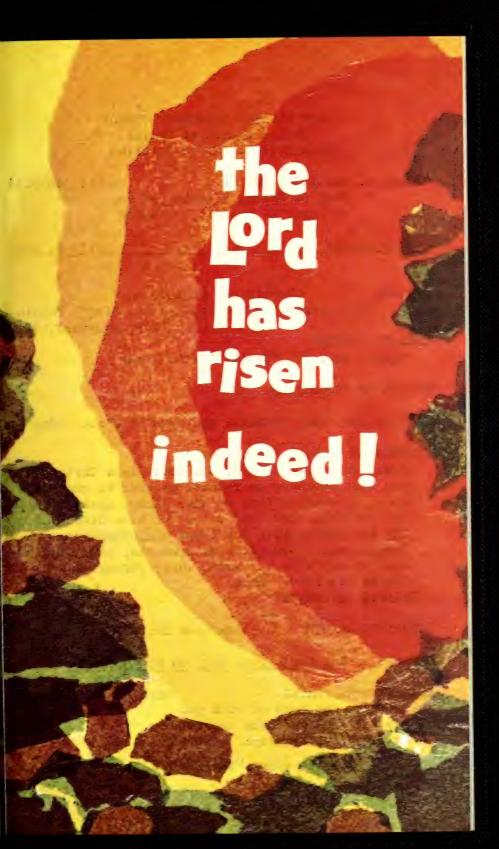
Union Ridge United Church: H. Winfred Bray, Pastor Edgewood United Church: Mark W. Andes, Pastor Stallow Ford United Church: R. M. Petersen, Pastor L. A. Leonard, Pastor Elon College Community Church: T.R. Hamilton, Pastor



GOOD FRIDAY

"It is finished!" In this witness of John to Jesus' final words from the cross we do not find a cry of desperation and defeat, but a cry of triumphant victory. The deepest expression of God's healing love for the world has been and continues to be accomplished. For John, Jesus does not die simply as the victim of men's jealous hatred. The cross is God's self-giving entrance into the worst that men can do in order to conquer the distortion and death of all human life. The unfaithfulness and darkness of our lives is met head-on and shattered by the faithfulness and light of God's unflinching love.

From the blackness of the cross emerges the royal purple of Jesus' own selfless love. That love lightens the life of us all, calling us to give up all attempts at establishing our own earthly security and to trust in him who alone has the power to give us new life here and now. For only in dying to all man-made pretensions at "finding life" can we be open to the true life that God intends for all the world. Good Friday is God's Friday, the day his goodness conquered all our evil and invites us to claim the victory he has won for us all. "It is finished!"



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Easter Sunday

April 6, 1969

PRELUDE Chorale and Prelude on
"Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing" Pepping
(Pilgrim Hymnal, 184)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "Praise Ye the Lord"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF JOY 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Gracious God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast promised to receive us when we come unto thee; we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. We have disobeyed thy law and we have not loved our neighbors. Forgive us, O God, free us from sin, and grant that we may live and serve thee; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-20

SERMON The Conquerors Meet on the Mountain

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Response

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray:

ANTHEM "Gloria" (from "Twelfth Mass")

Mozart

THE OFFERING

Offertory "With Loving Hearts Receive Now the the Feast that God Hath Given" Bach The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
The Sanctus, 551 (in unison)
Words of Institution
The Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN 193 "Thine is the Glory"

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Benediction Choral Response

"Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE

"Dorian Toccata"

J.S. Bach

*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by
Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields in memory of her father,
Mr. J. W. Stone.

Lilies have been placed in the Chancel by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barney in memory of Professor and Mrs. John W. Barney, Sr.;

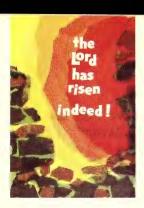
by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huey in memory of Mr. Chester C. Huey;

and another has been placed in memory of Miss Marsha Lankford.

CIRCLES meeting this week are:

#2 Monday at 3:30 P. M. with Mrs. Alfred Hurst

#4 Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. T.E. Powell, Jr.



EASTER IS NOW

April 6, 1969

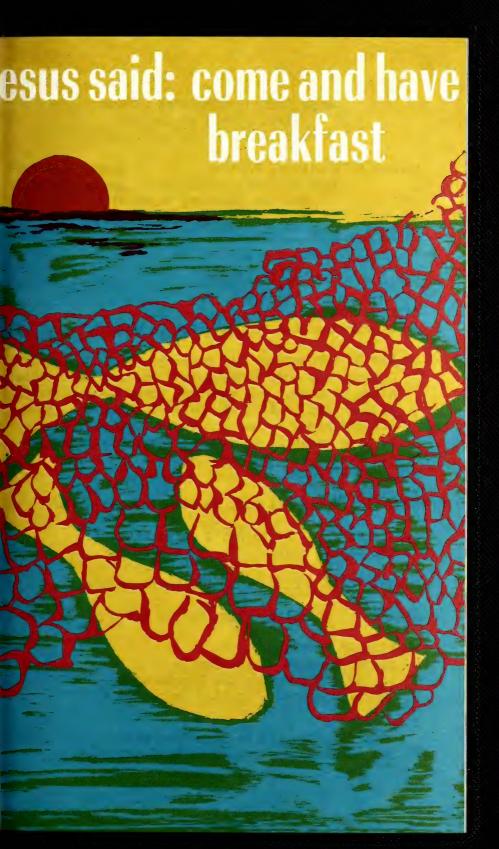
We know much about tragedy, despair, pain and death but we need to know far more about victory, hope, joy and resurrection. Good Friday visits our world with relentless regularity and the question grasps us hard: Can Easter be true and can it be now? Is it possible that the bold witness made long ago by simple people holds within it an authentic word of hope and faith for us? We need to experience Easter in the integrity and demand of this moment. The power of its truth is not sealed in the tomb of the past nor concealed in the womb of the future, but is open to our experience and confirmation in the daily resurrections of life. Even our partial participation in Christ's victory can strengthen us to duel with life's insistent fears and to master its compelling doubts. Because we know in part, we can live in confidence for tomorrow.

Each day, therefore, can become a festival of joy when events are viewed with the insights of love and trust. No dirge is our diary as no darkness is our inheritance when our little lives are lifted up into the spaciousness of Christ's life. The events of the first Easter lie beyond our comprehension and calculation, but the logic of Christ's presence and the force of his friendship are within our humble trust. Easter has come and Easter will come and the miracle and wonder of today's offer-

ing is that Easter is now.

J. Calvin K. Jackson Pastor, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church Cincinnati, Ohio

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April 13, 1969

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Praeludium I

Campbell-Watson

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O Lord, our God, whose Spirit has led us to this place of prayer and worship, grant us earnestly to seek and to find thy holy will for us. Then let thy power become active in our daily deeds. Be with us still as we make our Master's Prayer our own:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 93; I Corinthians 13
* The Gloria Patri

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: 100 Years in Durban

ANTHEM "Incline Thine Ear to Me" Himmel

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Incline Thine Ear to Us"

THE OFFERING

Offertory We All to Thee Give Praise Pachelbel
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

HYMN 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SERMON Now We Know in Part

HYMN 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
POSTLUDE Now Let All Sing Praise Willan

*Congregation Standing

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Primm in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holman and his father, Mr. A. A. Primm.

100AY: 4:00 P.M. Junior High Youth in Parish House 6:30 P.M. Senior High Youth in Parish House

7:30 P.M. Laity Workshops for men and women at Beverly Hills Church

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons in Hunter Room

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. to make final arrangements for the Family Night for all Church School teachers and families on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish House. The Vacation Bible School will also be discussed.

IDWEEK BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday, 12:15-1:30.

Dr. Truitt will lead in a study of Joseph (read Genesis 37-50). Bring a sack lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE BOOKMOBILE will be at the church Thursday, from 3:15-4:30 P. M.



SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 13, 1969

John 21:1-14

A central place for celebrating the presence of our risen Lord is at a meal. He is the true provider. The portrayal of a fish-catch in John's Gospel points to such a proclamation and to the disciples' recognition of him in his feeding them. We know also from early Christian art that bread and fish came to symbolize the Holy Communion. In John the narrative that follows shows how Jesus' invitation and feeding leads on to his command, "Feed my lambs." He feeds us by his risen presence in order to equip us for helping him to feed a world hungry for his nourishment.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

In Spain, a traditionally Catholic country, the Spanish Evangelical Church, is 100 years old this year. Under President Rev. Benito Corvillan and General Secretary Rev. Humberto Capo, the church continues to develop in what is one of the most difficult situations facing any minority church in western Europe. Although there has been some relaxation in the pressure under which Protestants in Spain have lived in recent years, the situation is still complicated by age-old prejudices However, churches now have been offered a certain official standing Bibles and literature have been imported, marriages among Protestants are legally recognized and compulsory attendance at Catholic services in the armed forces and at school are no longer required.

The work of the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyteriar Church in the USA in Spain and in all of Europe is coordinated by COEMAR, the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations and the UCBWM, the United Church Board for World Ministries. The Rev. Michael P. Testa serves in Geneva in behalf of both bodies and the Rev. Charles P. Blakney fills a similar post in New York. Our own concern for Spanish Protestants is thus undergirded and strengthened through this ecumenical involvement.

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YOU CAN DO NOTHING

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April 20, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Larghetto (Sonata for Organ) V. Persichetti

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366 "God of Grace"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Marvin Morgan

HYMN OF INVOCATION 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Rutt

RESPONSIVE READING 71, p. 518

Susan Ellis

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Eccles. 3:1-15
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Cor. 1:11-19,
4:1-4, 8:11

Joan Riggan Ellen Barnes

ANTHEM "All In The April Evening"

H. Robertson

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Ellis Buck Cobb

Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

M. Dupré Larry Sage

* The Doxology

OFFERTORY

* Prayer of Dedication

Scriptural Sentence

Arch Aitcheson

*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

Antiphon III

ERMON The Twentieth Century Christian

Α.	The	Community	Marvin Morgan
В.	The	Church	Craig MacCreary
C.	The	Family	Arch Aitcheson
D.	The	Individual	Larry Sage

Prayer of Dedication

YMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
ENEDICTION Rev. Hamilton
Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"
OSTLUDE VI (Six Preludes and Intermezzi) Schraeder

*Congregation Standing

N THIS NATIONAL COLLEGE SUNDAY, we are privileged to have the students of Mu Theta Sigma (Mathatians) to lead us in our worship. Each family will receive at the door a brochure of Elon and Catawba Colleges.

LOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton in member of her sister, Mrs. C. Olin Jarrell.

HURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Today: 2:30-5:00 Laity Workshops at Beverly Hills

4:00 Junior High Youth in Parish House
5:00 Concert of Church Music at the
First Presbyterian, Burlington
6:30 Senior High Youth in Youth Room
Wednesday: 12:15-1:30 Bible Study led by Rev. Veazey
Thursday: 7:00 Area Churchmen's Fellowship at
Shallowford Church
8:00 Elmhurst College Choir at St.Mark's

IE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference ill be held Tuesday and Wednesday at Virginia Beach,

1. Mrs. Mark McAdams will attend as our delegate,

cs. W.T. Scott as alternate, along with our Pastor.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 20, 1969

National Christian College Day

John 15:1-17

"Apart from me you can do nothing." What an audacious statement! After all, look at our achievements! But John's Gospel here points to that deeper reality which really is something—the capacity to love, to really give ourselves to one another. Such a capacity is no human achievement. It is the gift of him who gives himself to us. God's deepest love for us in Jesus Christ is that vine from which true love flows. His love for the world is present. Our task is to hook into it and let it do its joyous and fruit-bearing work in and through us.

A STUDENT IS A STUDENT IS A STUDENT

Today, more than ever before, students come in a wide variety of ages and stations in life. On almost every university campus businessmen, scientists, teachers, housewives, and clergy pursue all manner of courses—day and night. Part of this may be due to today's almost unbelievable knowledge explosion with which we must keep up. Part may lie in the rapid advances in science and industry which have made many a job obsolete almost before it is learned. Part may lie in a new understanding of education as an ongoing process of life rather than a preparation for life.

Our concern on this National Christian College Day lies with the increasingly important role which Christian Colleges, including the 32 related to the United Church of Christ, have to play in the life of our nation and our world. Through Our Christian World Mission we support the work of the Division of Higher Education and the American Missionary Association of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries not only with these church-related colleges, but also through campus ministries to more than 300 colleges and universities. The concerns of this division relate not only to the persons who make up the academic community, the wide variety of students, faculty and administrators, but also to the changing directions of education in these times.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

in memory of

KONSTANTINAS AVIZONIS

January 16, 1909 - April 20, 1969

a. a. dr. Kostas Avizonis
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ORGAN PRELUDE

THE PROCESSION
Scriptural Readings

(the congregation will stand)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
(The choir will sing one stanza in Lithuanian.
Then we shall sing the four stanzas from the hymnal.)

Dieve, Tove danguje, atiduodame Tau slove. Zeme lenkias pries Tave, stebisi Tavim, Valdove. Koks buvai Tu is pradzios, liksi amziais visados.

Tau tarnauja angelai su kilniaisiais cherubinais, Gieda dangiski pulkai su skaisciaisiais serafinais: Sventas, sventas mus Sutverejas prakilnus.

Sventas Dievas, Cebaot, sventas Viespats didenybes. Sventas, kurs stiprus vaduot zmpnes is vargu sunkybes.

Zomej ir danguj isties' pilna Viespaties garbes.

Per visas dienas cionai Tavo vardui garbe duosim, Tavo meilei amzinai uz isganyma dekosim. Musu dvasia atgaivink ir nuo nuodemes apgink.

Dieve, mus'pasigailek, laimink mus sava malone: Kaip zadejai, mums padek, palydek per sia kelione. Vilti dedame Tavy: o, neleisk mum zut mirty!

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 23, 103; Isaiah 40; Wisdom of Solomon 2

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Choral Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

I Corinthians 15; II Corinthians 4; Romans 8; John 14, 16

MEDITATION "What Shall We Say Then?" T. R. Hamilton

HYMN 306 "For All the Saints" (stanzas 1-4)

PRAYER

DISMISSAL

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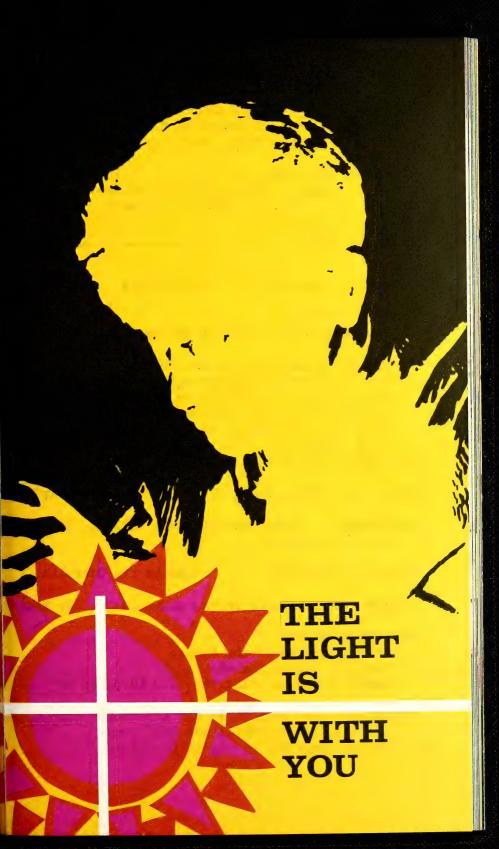
Ministry of Music:

Dr. C. Fletcher Moore, Organist
The Elon College Choir
Professor Richard Apperson, Choral Director

Ministry of the Word:

Dr. Alfred W. Hurst, Elon College Campus Minister
The Reverend Thomas R. Hamilton
Minister, Elon College Community Church





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April 27, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Psalm-Prelude (Psalm 23:4) H. Howells

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison) O God our Refuge and Strength, with the help of thy Holy Spirit grant us to praise Thee for thy goodness and to do all things for thy glory. Following the example of our Lord Jesus, we pray as he taught his disciples: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 36:5-10; Acts 2:22-25, 29-33, 36 The Gloria Patri

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: Under the Umbrella

ANTHEM "The Church A Mighty Refuge Is" B. Fraser

SERVICE OF PRAYER Silent Prayers of the People Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response "Let Thy Word Abide in Us"

OFFERTORY SOLO "Then Shall The Righteous". Mendelssohr Ken Hollingsworth, Tenor

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

*HYMN 485 "This is My Father's World"

SERMON

In The Afterglow

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"
*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Will Give Strength"
POSTLUDE Christ is Arisen (Orgelbuchlein) J.S.Bach

*Congregation will stand

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs.

T. E. Gilliam, Sr., in memory of her husband and parents, Mr. T. E. Gilliam, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs.

J. W. Oliver.

THE ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN is celebrating today
Alumni Day and Homecoming. You are invited to
visit this afternoon from 1:30-3:00 o'clock.

YOUTH MEETINGS

Junior High today at 4:00 P. M. Senior High Youth meet at 5:00 P.M. for a Progressive Dinner.

ALL PERSONS assisting in the Vacation Bible School are asked to attend a general staff meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Wednesday evening at 8:00. MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY is Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P. M.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to: The Avizonis Family upon the death of Konstantinas Avizonis on April 20; The Lambeth Family upon the death of Mrs. H.D. Lambeth, Jr.

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THE LIGHT IS WITH YOU

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 27, 1969

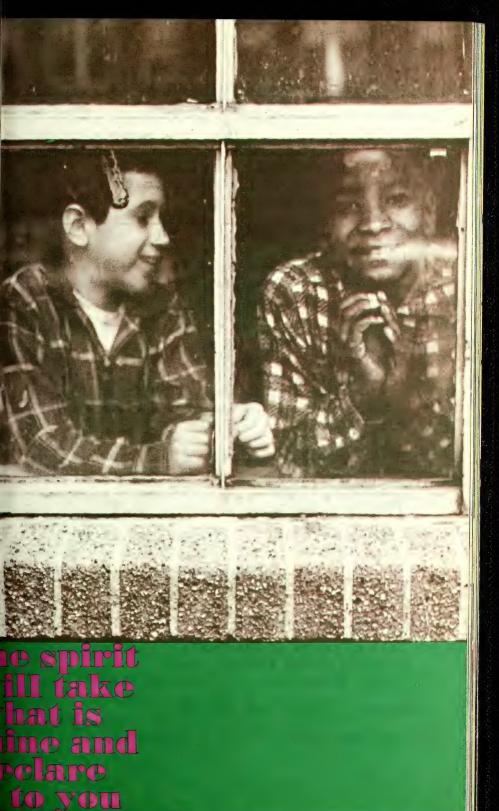
John 12:35-40

Light is power—in physics 186,000 miles per second of power. For John to use light as a symbol for Jesus Christ means that in him a power is present that can shatter the darkness of the world and illuminate a man's life. Such a power enlightens our daily path and enables us not to enjoy the light but to walk in it with his self-giving purpose. Does not the world's darkness lie basically in human greed and selfishness? The light of Jesus Christ is no static, stain-glass image. It is the burning power that can free us to meet and conquer that enslaving darkness.

1300 MARINES

For some 1300 young men of the United States Marine Corps, the concern of one single small congregation of the United Church of Christ has brought an awareness that, whatever one thinks of war or politics, somebody cares about them. The Brea Congregational UCC in Southern California has, for nearly two years, invited groups of Marines from nearby Camp Pendleton to spend their last week-end leave before going to Vietnam in the homes of its members. At first, only a few Marines accepted Brea's hospitality. But today the word has gotten around that a week-end in Brea is the next best thing to going home. Now, the number of Marine visitors is limited only by the number of families willing to open their homes. Groups of up to 300 Marines are not unusual—so many, that the church has invited participation by other Brea churches. Families agree to take the boys to the church of their choice in the community and to write to the boys' parents.

One by-product of this hospitality program has been increased understanding among the churches of Brea which have participated. Another by-product has been bettered relationships between the races. Many of the Marines are Negro and most families in Brea have had only limited social contact with Negroes in the past. The announcement that "one of our Marines has been killed," an announcement made nearly twenty times in the Brea churches, is received with a sense of personal loss far greater than the impersonal statistics of the daily newspaper. The bonds of friendship reach across the nation and around the world.



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May 4, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Double Concerto for Two Violins J.S. Bach Dr. Malvin Artley, Sr., Steve Harper, Violinists

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Fill us with thy Spirit, O Lord, that we may go
from strength to strength, ever ready to share
thy work, finding joy in being a friend to a foe,
a helper to those in need, and a brother to all
men. Amen.

*HYMN 4 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9

* The Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Timothy 2:1-15

ANTHEM "Dear Christians, Praise God" Youth Choirs

MOMENTS OF CONCERN: Wanted: People...

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

OFFERTORY "Behold the Lamb of God"
"Rejoice, O My Spirit" Youth Choirs
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Children may be dismissed for Junior Church during the singing of the hymn.)

HYMN 392 "Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All"

SERMON Father to Sons

HYMN 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Lord, Let Now Us Depart in Peace" POSTLUDE

*Congregation will stand

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Our visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex and to return again. Persons interested in uniting with our church fellowship should consult the Pastor today.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha, and Mr. Lankford's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Lankford.

TODAY:

4:00 P.M. Junior Choir Festival

4:30 P.M. Junior High Youth 6:30 P.M. Senior High Youth

7:30 P.M. Board of Deacons

TUESDAY: 2-4:00 P.M. Immunization Health Clinic in Parish House

WEDNESDAY: 12:15-1:30 P.M. Mid-week Bible Study

THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M. A picnic for members of the Primary and Junior Choirs will be held in the Parish House.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL is available in the narthex.

the spirit
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 4, 1969

John 16:1-15

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11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Divine Light

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)

Fill us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we may go from strength to strength, ever ready to share your work, finding joy in being a friend, a helper to those in need, and a brother to all.

Amen.

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

MOMENTS OF CONCERN:

"Cora" in Appalachia

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, Incline Thine Ear to Us"

ANTHEM "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Parry
Miss Sara Everette, Soprano

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE OFFERING

Offertory Most Gracious Lord Reger
Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 67

MN 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"

W TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

RMON <u>Every Age has its Far Country</u>

MN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (stanzas 1, 2)

NEDICTION

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace"
STLUDE All Glory Be to God

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*Congregation will stand

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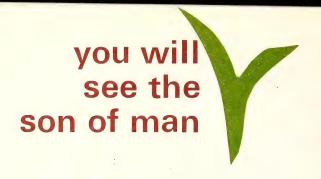
W MEMBERS received today into our church family are: Larry and Marie Cardwell, Cathy Cobb, Richard White, Jr., and Ed McGinnis.

UTH MEETINGS: Junior Highs at 4:30 P.M. today and 6:30 P.M. Thursday evening at the Parish House; Senior Highs at 5:30 P. M. today with Mr. and Mrs. Willard White.

E MONTHLY MEETING of the Christian Education Committee is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

BLE STUDY - Wednesday, 12:15-1:30 P.M. This last session will be led by Dr. Alfred Hurst on the Book of Hosea.

RCH ARTICLES are due by Tuesday morning.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 11, 1969

The Festival of the Christian Home Rural Life Sunday

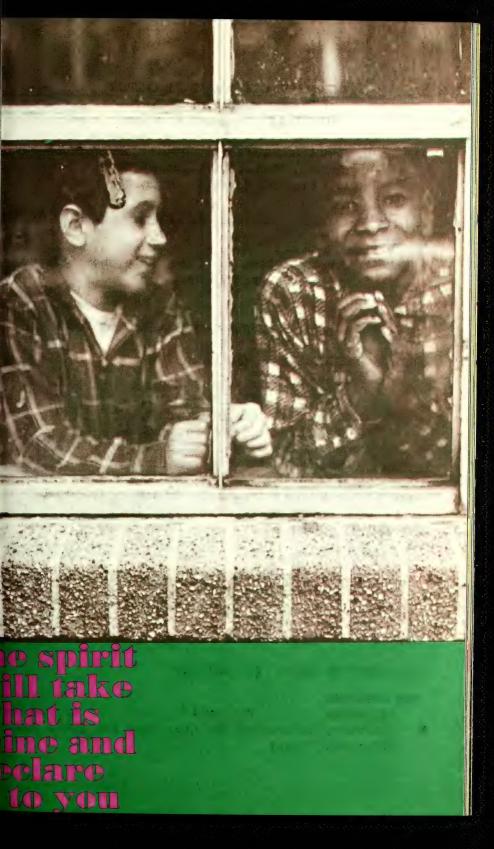
Mark 14:55-62

What power is at work in the tender touch of a hand, in a new plant of corn, in the family, on the farm? Is it not something more than biology or nature? Mark's Gospel points to what is present in Jesus as revealing the true power behind everything. The symbol on the cover, composed of the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek, does the same. That power is no coercive might. It is a power poured upon the earth with bloodred, self-giving love. Such power is and will be the true source of tenderness in the family and new life in all the earth.

ADULT EDUCATION IN OUR TIME

Adult education in our time needs to reflect both the reason for its being and the situation in which it takes place. This understanding lies behind a proposal being offered to churches for action beginning next fall. Living in our time demands that laity find new ways of thinking about beliefs and new shapes for action and mission. Adult education is one element through which the laity can equip themselves to be about their mission where they reside, where they work, and where they belong to a Christian community.

A "situational approach" to adult education is a conscious, vital and responsible action of the laity to meet their educational needs. The variety of outcomes of situationally-planned adult education is un limited; and no single outcome is "right for everyone." The behavior that is appropriate is the full use of the potential resources and opportunities that are available. So it is that adults are now being encouraged to do what many have long been doing—to plan their own curriculum for adult education and to use those resources that meet this need. This effort which links the United Church of Christ with the United Presby terian Church in a common approach to the education of the laity also includes the preparation and use of two periodicals, *Trends* and *Enquiry* which reflect this new understanding of adult education in our time



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May 18, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Improvisation on 'Come, Holy Ghost' J. Cook (Pilgrim Hymnal, 575)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit "Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, Come Come as a fire that burns,
Come as the wind and cleanse,
Come as the light and reveal,
Convict, Convert, Consecrate,
Until we are wholly Thine. Amen.

*HYMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"

MOMENTS OF CONCERN:

Three Camps

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

ANTHEM "With a Voice of Singing"

M. Shaw

STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

THE OFFERING

Offertory Pastoral L. Sowerby Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

*HYMN 241 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-12

SERMON

The Filled Church

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
POSTLUDE Litanies J. Alain

*Congregation will stand

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SENIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (grades 9-12) meets this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Parish House.

OUR MINISTER will be attending the annual Ministers Retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds from Monday to Wednesday of this week. He may be reached in any need by calling Mrs. W. C. Perry.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP next Sunday will be from 9:30 to 10:20 A. M. Church School will combine with Church Worship for this service. The Elon College Baccalaureate will follow at 11:00 o'clock in the Alumni Gymnasium. Robert B. Marr, Pastor of the Suffolk Christian Church, will be the speaker.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Seamster and Mrs. Harris

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 4, 1969

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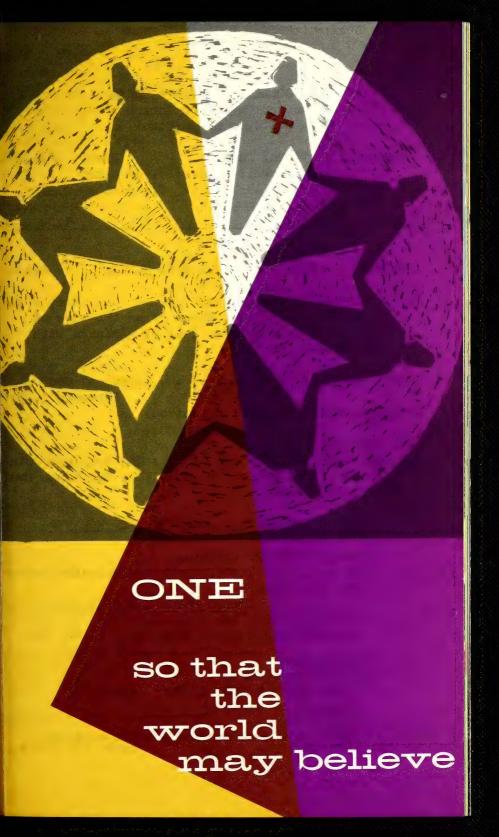
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May 25, 1969

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE Prelude on a 2nd Mode Melody F. Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison) Acts 2:28
Thou, Lord, hast made known to us the ways of
life; thou wilt make us full of gladness with
thy presence.

*HYMN 481 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (stanzas 1, 2)

*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

Class Prayers

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo Ken Hollingsworth

* Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Offertory Prayer

A CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS AT STUDY AND WORSHIP

Thoughts before teaching
The Scripture Story: Acts 10 (selected verses)
Some questions
A Story: "The Church Makes a Decision"
What the Jewish law says
Something worth memorizing: Acts 10:34, 35
Announcements
Worship Together
Hymn 481 "I Sing a Song" (stanza 3)
Summary of Session

God's love and forgiveness for everyone

(Acts 10:34,35)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Silent Prayers with Biddings

Pastor's Prayer

Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

*HYMN 414 "In Christ There is No East or West"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost J.S. Bach (Orgelbuchlein)

*Congregation standing

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Elon College Baccalaureate Service in the Alumni Gymnasium at 11:00 o'clock this morning and the Commencement at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THE SYMPATHY of the congregation is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McLoud, Sr., upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Allene O. Hall of Fayetteville, N.C., on May 20.

CONGRATULATIONS to Captain and Mrs. Charles Wood upon the birth of a son on May 21.

NEXT SUNDAY our high school graduates will be recognized at our morning Service of Worship.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL staff and helpers will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Robert J. Patterson and Carol J. Wolfe who were married in this sanctuary yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. Fred Emerson and Mrs. Corinne Harris at County Hospital.



so that the ONE World may believe

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 18, 1969

Sunday after Ascension

John 17:20-26

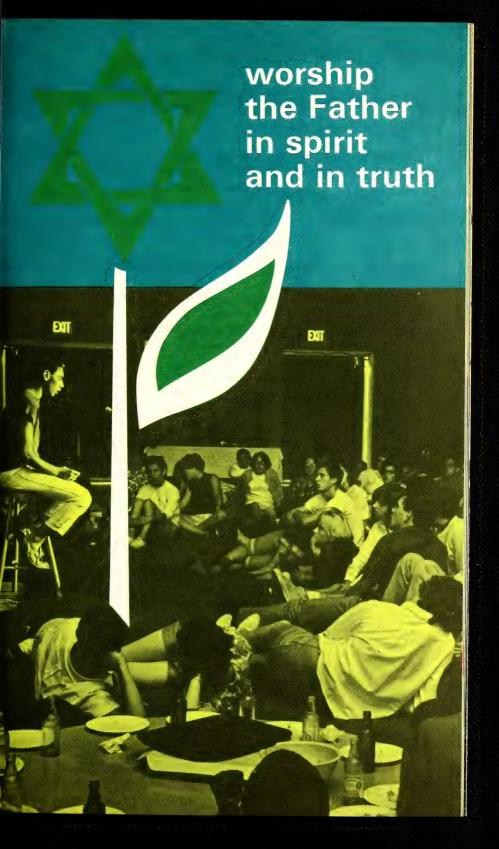
In America we take the fact of many church denominations for granted, and often we are known more by our differing labels than by the unifying term "Christian." This confusing fragmentation greatly impairs the integrity of our witness to the world and fosters a real credibility gap. Jesus' prayer in John's Gospel does not request unity for unity's sake but "that the world may believe." Disunity is a luxury we cannot afford. We have one Lord. He seeks to join our hands so that we may share our love with the world without credibility gaps.

TRAINING LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

It was eleven o'clock, an hour after the time the meeting was scheduled to begin, when United Church Board for World Ministries missionary Larry Gilley began the meeting. Class leaders from the Umbumbulu, Odidini, Adams and Mpusheni churches had been called to meet at the old stone building at Umbumbulu to talk about the meaning of stewardship. Thirty Zulus had been expected—over seventy came.

"Brainstorming," small group discussions, and flip charts were used to help the group understand what the Bible means by "stewardship." Then, to highlight some of the obstacles to giving, four Zulu pastors put on a skit. "Mr. Excuses," "Mr. Always-in-need," and "Mr. Critical" all had their say. This was the first time that any of the group had seen their pastors in any sort of skit. The results were hilarious. But more important, the group began to see just what it means to be a good steward.

Four concerned pastors—Benjamin Ndaba, Ben Ngidi, R. Z. D. Ngcobo and J. S. Khanyile – together with missionary specialist Larry Gilley, developed and implemented this stewardship training day at Umbumbulu. Gilley, with leaders of other denominations - Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Lutheran-is working to improve programs and methods of adult education in South Africa. Workshops such as that at Umbumbulu and laboratory-type training are proving as effective there as they have in the United States. Leadership training such as this is an important part of Our Christian World Mission.



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June 1, 1969

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Prelude on a 2nd Mode Melody F. Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor and Choir

UNISON PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 496 "The National Anthem"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

* The Gloria Patri

Psalm 103

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

ANTHEM "Fill Your Hearts With Prayer" K. Daniel

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Lord, Be Gracious Unto Us"

OFFERTORY MUSIC

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

The Church That Was

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*BENEDICTION and Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost J.S. Bach

(Orgelbuchlein)

*Congregation will stand

- THE FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God to honor Dr. and Mrs. Howard R. Richardson, Sr., on their wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson, Jr., and Mrs. Daniel Dopp.
- THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at Magnolia Cemetery. The address will be delivered by Reverend John Graves.
- THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in this sanctuary. Mrs. T. E. Powell, Jr., is leader of devotions and Reverend James Morrison is the speaker.
- COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC meets in the Parish House tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 4:00 o'clock.
- CONGRATULATIONS to our high school graduates:

 Diane Cates, Graham Cheek, Sheldon Cheek, Larry
 McCauley, Donna McCulley, Barbara Newman, Bill
 Pendergrass, John Pruette, Robert Gowan, Mike White.
- REGISTRATION forms for Vacation Bible School are enclosed with this bulletin. The School begins a week from tomorrow and is for children age 4 through grade 8. It will be helpful if parents will complete these forms before leaving today.



worship the Father in spirit and in truth

SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 1, 1969

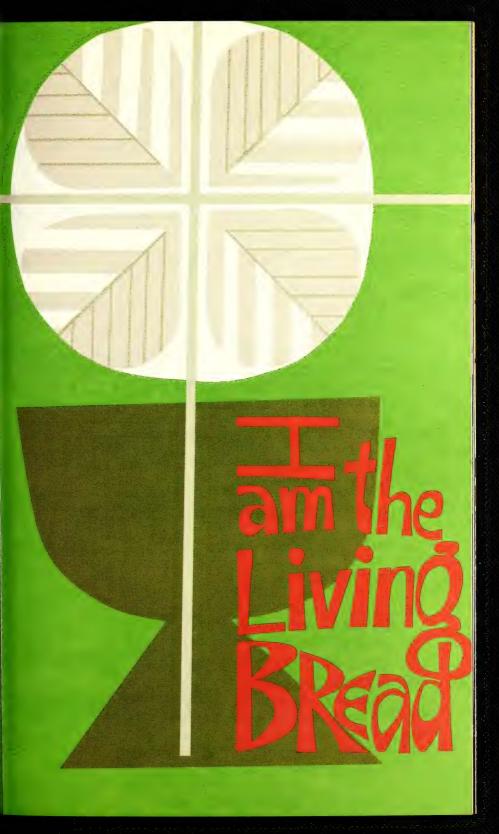
Trinity Sunday

John 4:7-26

What is true worship? It is not simply going through some "right" words and motions at the "right" time and place. The words on the cover from John's Gospel are part of a narrative in which Jesus attacks the attitude of those who thought they possessed the "right" place. For John, Jesus himself is the "temple" and it is his presence "in spirit and truth" that really defines Christian worship.

On this Sunday, traditionally known as Trinity, we may affirm that the worship of the *Father* occurs where the true *Spirit* of the *Son* is present. The narrative in John shows that this presence is one that breaks down barriers between persons of different backgrounds—geographical, racial, religious. Thus true worship is a celebration anywhere of the presence of him who smashes all our pettiness, opens our way to one another, and invites us to see worship as a way of life without walls.

In a world so full of "walls," how tragic that few churches seem to know either the joy or the barrier-breaking power of true worship. Or maybe the church walls are even higher than elsewhere. How is it with your congregation? A congregation without walls?



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

June 8, 1969

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, who hast given us the promise of thy divine life, bestow upon us thy Holy Spirit, that renewed by thy word, we may lay hold on eternal life by strong faith in thy Son. Amen.

*HYMN 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

* The Gloria Patri

Psalm 19

INSTALLATION OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

ANTHEM "WI

"Where is Thy God?"

J. Vance

MOMENTS OF CONCERN

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response "Keep This Prayer in Our Hearts"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Prayer for a Clean Heart A. Johnson
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON

Builders Who Build Up

HYMN 470

"God of the Prophets"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord Will Bless His People"

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

*Congregation will stand

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock with all pupils meeting in this sanctuary. A closing program for the children and their families will be held Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The installation of the VBS teachers and helpers is a part of our worship today.

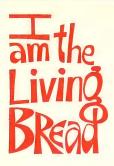
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. G. C. Crutchfield, Jr., by Mrs. Crutchfield and family.

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE of Richard A. White, Jr. and Kathryn S. Cobb will take place in this sanctuary this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC meets in the Parish House
Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Campers should
take note of this opportunity.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Hunter Room.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS has granted a one month leave of absence for the Pastor, effective June 13. Pastoral services will be available from other clergy upon request made through Mrs. Perry or Mr. Brafford. Dr. Albert Gminder is our Guest Minister for next Sunday with Mr. W. B. Terrell serving as Liturgist.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 8, 1969

John 6:47-58

In America we take bread for granted, but we need only think of Biafra to see what happens when there is no bread. John's Gospel uses bread as a symbol to declare the meaning of Jesus for human life. He is the personal bread that embodies a sharing of life needed by us all. We know that our life dries up when there is no one who shares himself with us. The Lord's Supper combines the personal and the material. Jesus gives himself to us in the real stuff of life. To understand this is to know why the Lord's Supper and caring for Biafrans and all who hunger stand so closely together.

THE DOCTOR FROM PINALEJO

It is Tuesday and Dr. Joyce Arlene Baker, missionary doctor for the United Church Board for World Ministries, Honduran nurse Señorita Sonia Murillo, and pastor Don Enrique Roussel drive off from San Pedro Sula on a typical mobile clinic visit to one of the little mountain villages of Honduras. When they arrive at their destination, they unpack their cots and sleeping bags and set up the clinic in the local church building. Then they begin to see their patients. Sometimes there are only about 50 patients; sometimes there are more than 200.

Dr. Joyce Baker emphasizes family planning, preventive medicine, hygiene, sanitation, and nutrition. The diseases most often treated are parasite, gastro-intestinal, respiratory and skin infections. On Thursday they begin to pack up all their equipment and medicines, and Friday they head back to San Pedro Sula, there to restock their mobile clinic and get

ready to visit another village the following week.

Two weeks each month Dr. Baker is off visiting one of the mountain villages. The other two weeks she holds clinic at her home in the picturesque village of Pinalejo and two nurses take the mobile clinic on its "rounds." Dr. Baker is our only missionary doctor in Honduras. To supplement her work, the services of teams of professional volunteers are used as often as possible. One such team, in 1966, included an optometrist, a pediatrician, a dentist, and a general practitioner and their wives, all nurses. In nine days' time they examined and treated nearly a thousand persons. This is the kind of need you help meet through *Our Christian World Mission*.

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a poor man



A.B. Gminder, Guest Minister - W.B. Terrell, Liturgist Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

June 15, 1969

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Three Quiet Produdes F. Jacobi

CALL TO WORSHIP W. B. Terrell Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship"

INVOCATION (unison)

God our Father, who teach men your eternal way, as we turn to you in prayer and thought this day, teach us by your Holy Spirit so that we may be fed spiritually and grow in grace. Enlighten our minds so that we may find in the sacred page, in the word of prayer, and in the answering voice which you speak to the soul, light and guidance for our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 504 "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON * Gloria Patri 513

Jonah 1-2:1, 2-10, 4-11

ANTHEM "Sanctus" (from 'St.Cecilia Mass') Gounod Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Soloist

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Incline Thine Ear to Us"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Dialogue F. Couperin The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

DITATION

II Jonah

A. B. Gminder

MN 426 "The Voice of God is Calling" NEDICTION

STLUDE

Choral Response "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Toccata in b Minor

E. Gigout

*Congregation will stand

OWERS are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the family.

WELCOME Dr. Albert Gminder as our Guest Minister and Mr. William B. Terrell as Liturgist today. It is a pleasure to have them lead us in our Service of Worship. Next Sunday our Guest Minister will be Dr. William T. Scott.

URCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK:

Tuesday-Thursday: Women's Summer Conference at Catawba College

Wednesday: The Senior Choir will not rehearse Thursday: Softball game for men and boys at the Elon Middle School field, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

E CONGREGATION is invited to the double wedding of Donna McCulley and James Majors and Phyllis Pruitt and Bobby Byrd - in this sanctuary Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

NY THANKS to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a big success this past week.

SPITALIZED: Dr. Clyde Fields at Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15, 1969

Luke 16:19-31

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Statistics both in America and in much of the world seem to support this. Deeply concerned for the poor, Luke brings us Jesus' parable of burning judgment on the rich man who failed to care for a poor man. We often regard selfish unconcern as an unfortunate trait of character. Jesus saw it as affecting a man's destiny. A man's, or a church's, or a nation's use of wealth shows where the loyalty lies; and the loyalty of our hearts shapes our destiny. Wha does your concern for the poor tell of your destiny?

JAPAN IN CHANGE

Japan confronts the Christian church with specific and crucial opportunities and responsibilities. Formerly an agricultural nation Japan today is one of the world's leading industrial powers. An economist calls it, "the first twenty-first century nation." Each year a millior farmers leave their farms to work in cities.

Harder to measure but more far-reaching are the changes in the lives of the people affected by urbanization and industrialization. One of these changes is a sharper cleavage between a man's work and his home This division means that the United Church of Christ of Japan must reach people at their work through its church-supported labor centers. Some ministers are assigned to labor unions or other labor-centered ministries One minister became a laborer in a steel mill and through this, organized a Christian center in the midst of a vast apartment city for workers which provides worship, Christian education and service.

The church's mission is precisely in the midst of this—the techno logical advance, the plurality of influences, the search for an independen and responsible personal and social life. It is a mission to the peopl of Japan in which the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ (U. S. A.) are involved through the United Church of Chris of Japan.

This message prepared for joint use by the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church

my son, your sins forgiven

Dr. William T. Scott, Guest Minister Miss Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist Jack O. White, Director of Music

June 22, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Fantasia

Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "This is the Day"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM

"Walk Humbly With Thy God"

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SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastoral Prayer for the People Choral Response "Keep This Prayer in Our Hearts"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Music

Offertory Dedication "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:24-33; 16:24-27

SERMON Three Things Jesus Taught About Duty

*HYMN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" *BENEDICTION and Choral Response "The Lord Bless You" POSTLUDE Paestrum Perry

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. M. W. Hook by Mrs. Hook and the family.
- WE ARE DELIGHTED to have Dr. William T. Scott and Miss Anna Rose Marino lead us in our Service of Worship this morning. Next Sunday our Guest Minister will be Dr. W. J. Elzey.
- OUR CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder and family upon the death of his father, Mr. L. W. Snyder, on June 16th in Elkton, Virginia.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Donna McCulley and James Majors and Phyllis Pruitt and Bobby Byrd who were married in this sanctuary on June 20th.
- ATTENDING the Women's Summer Conference at Catawba College this past week were Mrs. T. A. Boland, Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, Mrs. A. L. Hook, Mrs. Mark McAdams and Mrs. W. W. Sloan.
- THE GENERAL SYNOD of the United Church of Christ meets in Boston, Massachusetts June 25-July 2. Dr. J. E. Danieley and Mr. Marsh McLelland will be in attendance there.
- A NOTE from Rev. Hamilton to Mrs. Perry:

 "The trip went quite well. Here it is cool, very cool at night quite a surprise since St. Louis is notorious for hot, humid weather. We have dug into study sessions. Wish I had someone here to type for me... Good wishes to all."
 - (Rev. Hamilton is pursuing studies at Eden Theological Seminary and will return to Elon College on July 11.)
- HOSPITALIZED: Dr. Clyde Fields at Memorial Hospital in Burlington.

my son, your sins are forgiven

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22, 1969

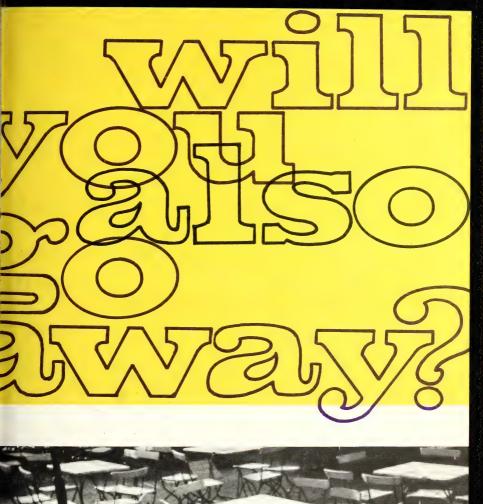
Mark 2:1-12

Does anything paralyze us more than unresolved guilt? Does it no cause anxious days and sleepless nights that keep us from living at our best? In Mark's Gospel Jesus speaks words of forgiveness to a physica cripple brought to him by four faithful friends. Jesus' power to heal wendeeper than physical ills. He saw the need of a man to be freed from crippling guilt. Only then would he be able to really "walk." As Christians we can have the joy of being the "faithful four," forgiven and freed our selves to point others to The Liberator.

AN END AND A BEGINNING

Four years ago this very week the executives of the religious bodies of Los Angeles sat down at the invitation of the mayor and decided to form an ad hoc organization through which they could participate in an important civic venture: the determination of planning goals for the Los Angeles metropolis. The resulting Interreligious Committee include not only local groups (Lutheran, Presbyterian, and interfaith groups a well as the United Church of Christ), but also the Department of Evange lism and the Urban Department of the National Council of Churches The work of this committee included several phases over a four-yea period. The Division of Evangelism of our United Church Board fo Homeland Ministries provided the salary for a full-time director.

Through Centers for Choice, places where citizens could find ou about proposed plans and register their reactions, and through every other conceivable way, the Interreligious Committee sought to bring about the involvement of church people in the plans of the metropolitar area and sought to bring non-church people deeper understandings o the mobility and anonymity of the "secular city." The religious groups—local denominations represented in the National Council of Churches Roman Catholics, Jewish groups, and some Protestant groups not in the National Council—thus became partners for the sake of the city. Now the Los Angeles Goals Project is completed, a model for other metropolitan areas to consider. But the results are only beginning to bear fruit July 1, 1969 thus marks both an end and a beginning.





Dr. William J. Elzey, Guest Minister Mr. Jack O. White, Director of Music Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

June 29, 1969

Order of Worship 11:00 A.M.

The House Built Upon a Rock - Weinberger PRELUDE

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Choir "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 15 *INVOCATION Minister

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison, the people seated) Almighty and eternal God, who searchest the hearts of men: We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our transgressions and help us to amend our ways; and of thine eternal goodness direct what we shall be, so that we may henceforth walk in the way of thy commandments, and do those things which are worthy in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION THE LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING No. 70 Page 518 *GLORIA PATRI No. 513 Page 511 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 51

"I See God" ANTHEM Leveen-Mencher

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:20-4:7; 4:11-16

ASTORAL PRAYER and Choral Response "Hear Us, O Lord"

YMN "O Word of God Incarnate"

No. 252

ERMON I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

NVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

FFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS

Offertory Dorian Choral

- Alain No. 515

Doxology

Prayer of Consecration

YMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 366
ENEDICTION and Choral Response "Grant us Thy Peace"
OSTLUDE Fugue in F - Buxtehude

*People Standing

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to each of you as you worship with us today. We especially welcome Dr. William J. Elzey, Chaplain at Elon College, who is serving as our Guest Minister today. Next Sunday our Guest Minister will be Chaplain John G. Truitt. This congregation is most appreciative of our members who lead us in our Worship each Sunday in the absence of our Pastor, Rev. Hamilton, who is pursuing studies at Eden Theological Seminary.

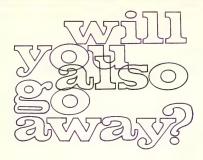
HURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Circle 3 meets with Miss Ruth Dunn at 8 P.M. Tuesday, Community Health Clinic in the Parish House from 2 - 4:00 P. M.

Tuesday, Circle 6 meets with Mrs. Dewey Holt at 8 P.M.

AMPERS at Moonelon this week are: Eddie Hassell,
Joy Hamilton, Faye McLelland, Esther, Joseph and
Nathan Gminder; Dr. and Mrs. Gminder as Counselors.

EWS ITEMS for the TORCH are due in Mrs. Perry's Office by Monday noon.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 1969

John 6:53-69

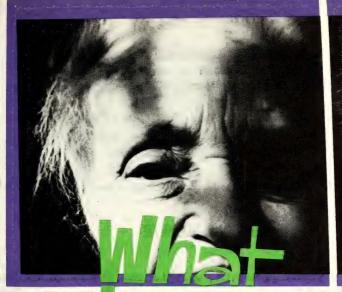
"Who needs enemies when he's got friends like that?" The words on the cover from John's Gospel are not Jesus' words to his enemies, but to the twelve, his closest friends. Many of his "fringe" friends had left him, offended by the affirmation that Jesus embodied the very purpose and life-giving presence of God. He turned then to the twelve: "Will you also go away?" Today, these words are directed to us, his supposed friends. If his purpose is to care for people, we "go away" whenever we leave any human being friendless and alone.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

More than seven hundred men and women, laymen and ministers, are meeting this week in Boston, representing you and your congregation as they consider and determine the nation-wide and world-wide program of our church. The occasion is the Seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

There are still many who remember the hope, faith and trust which launched the United Church of Christ in 1957. Since then, there has been steady progress toward an ever-expanding ministry to Christ's people and a growing sense of their mission in and to the world. Since the merger of Evangelical and Reformed, Congregational and Christian churches to form the United Church of Christ, there have been other important mergers—both in the United States and abroad. In addition, the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) now includes nearly a dozen regular and active participants and other observers.

But even as discussions of organic union proceed at cautious pace, the cooperative work of the church proceeds with lightning-like rapidity. COCU-AM and COCU-FM are not the call letters of some new radio station. They are *ad hoc* groups of persons from COCU churches who are already working together wherever they can in the "American" and "Foreign Mission" fields. The United Church of Christ is active in these groups as might be expected of a "united and uniting" church. Our oneness in Christ's cause helps bridge the separations and divisions which have so long separated us.



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Chaplain John G. Truitt, Jr., Guest Minister
Jack O. White, Director of Music
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

July 6, 1969

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ADORATION

Prelude Adagio (Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C) Bach
Call to Worship
"O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

*Hymn of Praise "The God of Abraham Praise" No. 14

Prayer of Humble Access (In Unison)
Almighty and everlasting God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the temples which our hands have builded, but who art ever nigh unto the humble and the contrite; grant thy Holy Spirit, we beseech thee, to us who are here assembled; that cleansed and illumined by thy grace, we may worthily show forth thy praise, meekly learn thy word, render due thanks for thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession The Lord's Prayer

RENEWAL

*Old Testament Reading Hymnal, p. 522, No. 78
Read by the Congregation Psalms 42, 43
*Gloria Patri

*Affirmation of Faith

MINISTER: Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is the one True Church, apostolic and universal,

Whose holy faith let us now declare:
CONGREGATION: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his
only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

nthem "God is our Strength and Song" Peninger

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlast-

the Pastoral Prayer
thoral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts"

lymn of Preparation "Be Thou My Vision" No. 391 (stanzas 1 & 2)
lew Testament Lesson Matthew 20:15

ermon What Ever You Think Is Fair

EDICATION

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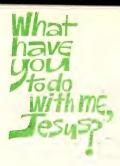
invitation to Christian Discipleship
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Offertory
Tallis Theme
Doxology and Prayer of Consecration

Tallis

lymn of Consecration "He Who Would Valiant Be" 371 lenediction horal Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" lostlude Rigaudon Campra

*Congregation Stands

E WELCOME Chaplain John G. Truitt, Jr., to our pulpit oday. Rev. Hamilton returns on Saturday, July 12.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 1969

Mark 5:1-20

The cover's frantic words of a demoniac portray the fearful cry of enslaving powers confronted by their Destroyer. We may not call them demons, but the many forces that dehumanize life and "lock us in" are very much with us. Whether we think of the illness of persons or the sickness of society, we know how tenaciously they grip us and resist releasing us. Mark's Gospel proclaims that in Jesus' ministry God meets all dehumanizing powers with their ultimate destruction. To continue his liberating ministry is the task of all who bear his name.

FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS

It was in 1942 that the American Missionary Association and the Board for Home Missions, two of the predecessors of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, established the Race Relations Department which is now part of the Division of Higher Education and the A. M. A.

The task of the Race Relations Department was to discover ways of rendering services to communities, to churches, and to the nation, helping them move against segregation and discrimination. While the department developed numerous programs and services in the areas of employment, housing, the churches, public schools and education, one of its most important emphases centered upon the Institute of Race Relations held at Fisk University each summer. The Institute has served, and continues to serve, as a meeting ground for practitioners in the field, as a basis of annual evaluation of developments, and as a clearing house of experience tested in day-to-day activities of communities. Time after time, persons trained in the Institute have taken the lead in bettering race relations from Minneapolis to New Orleans, Brooklyn to Los Angeles.

This week, the twenty-sixth annual Institute is meeting. Its program, according to director Dr. Clifton Johnson, is geared to helping community leaders meet today's needs. The Race Relations Institute provides part of the answer to the challenge of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders: "... this nation will deserve neither safety nor progress unless it can demonstrate the wisdom and the will to undertake decisive action against the root causes of racial disorder."

JUSTICE MERC

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Jack O. White, Director of Music

Miss Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist

July 13, 1969

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

PRELUDE 0 Lord Most Holy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad.

People: Let us worship and bow down;

let us come before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God and we are his people.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

PSALTER READING 80 Psalm 51 p. 523, hymnal * The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM "Lord, My Saviour, My Salvation" Schubert

MEDITATION The Elegant, Eloquent Sharing

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray:

Choral Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Music

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Communion Collect

General Confession (in unison) hymnal, p. 495

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving

IYMN 414 "In Christ There is No East or West" BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Grant Us Thy Peace" POSTLUDE From Thy Throne So High

Haydn

*Congregation Stands

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Miss Georgie Moore in memory of her sister, Mrs. Edith Moore Cole.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

YOUTH RALLY will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on Saddle Club Road, sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Alamance County. Coach "Red" Wilson of Elon College is in charge of the program. All young people are invited.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 1969

Matthew 23:23-39

Jesus' scathing words to religious hypocrites ought to deliver us from any sentimental picture of him. In Matthew's portrayal, he even called them "whitewashed tombs . . . full of dead men's bones." Why? Because they kept all the religious rules but forgot "justice and mercy and faith." These three belong together. In the Bible, justice is no balancing of the scales. It is tipping them on the side of mercy. And that mercy stems from faith in a merciful God. Enough of hypocrisy! Human life cries out for faith that rings true in deed!

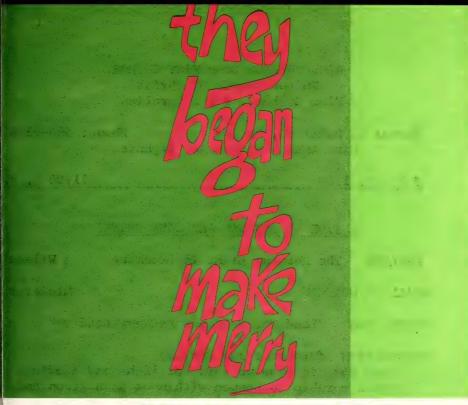
A NOT-SO-HOLY LAND

"Where is justice?" the million-and-a-half refugees and displaced persons of the Middle East ask the world today. In July, 1968, one year after the "Six-Day War," the Middle East and Europe Department of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. sent a deputation team to the Middle East to survey the refugee situation. The team reported strong criticism from the more than four million Christians who live in the Middle East. It was the conviction of those with whom the team spoke that Christians of the West, especially those of the United States, have not been vigorous in pursuit of justice, but have rather been indifferent, even hostile to their plight.

The United Church of Christ contributed over \$100,000 to the Near East Emergency Fund over the past two years. Over \$1,000,000 in funds and materials over the past ten years were given through the One Great Hour of Sharing—Share Our Substance appeal. However, there is still much to be done in understanding the Middle East situation and seeking

a "just and lasting peace" for that area of our world.

First, we have an obligation to combat stereotypes about the Middle East. Neither side is fully in the right. Second, we must both seek the facts of the situation and recognize the feelings with which both sides tend to interpret these facts. Third, we must seek not only to bind up old wounds, but to prevent new ones. We have not yet adequately fulfilled these simple requirements, as those who serve the United Church Board for World Ministries in the Near East can well testify.





Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Miss Anna Rose Marino, Organist

July 20, 1969

11:00 A. M.

A TIME TO REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

PRELUDE The Morning Light is Breaking Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister

*HYMN 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

*INVOCATION (Minister and People)

Lord God, to whom we turn for light and leading,
cause worship to happen within us as a group and
as single persons. Help us to know our own
renewal in heart and mind as we celebrate your
presence with us. In that mood we offer our
Master's prayer:

*THE LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI

STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

A TIME TO REFLECT AND RENEW

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OUR HERITAGE Psalm 139
Wheels in the Air: W.T.Joyner

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you And with thy spirit.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us
And grant us your salvation.
Let us pray.

MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

A TIME TO DECIDE AND DEDICATE

THE OFFERING

Offertory God of Glory
Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Richelson

*HYMN 444 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

SERMON

Anywhere to go for Privacy?

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "God Send Us Men"

BENEDICTION and Choral Response "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE Blessed is this Nation Wilson

*Congregation Standing

A WORD OF WELCOME to each member and visitor among us.

Here in worship may you meet the Lord and be met
by him. You are among Christian friends. We
invite you to return often.

THREE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE leave today for Johns' River Camp. They are Emily Alexander, Tom Hamilton and Mark Rinker.

OUR CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Lillian Kimrey upon the death of her sister, Miss Eva Aldridge, on July 11th.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Burlington Area will hold their quarterly dinner meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Cars will leave the front of our church at 6:30. All our men are invited. Reservations may be placed with Bill Terrell.



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 1969

Luke 15:11-31

The parable of the Lost Son climaxes with celebration. Making merry is the appropriate response when the lost is found. The central meaning of the Christian faith is the "finding" of lost people and a lost world, the turning of rebellious estrangement into joyous reunion. Unfortunately, churches sometimes seem to evoke more gloom than joy. Is it because we, like the elder brother, are so "hung up" with exalting our own goodness that we are not free to really care for human hurts and to rejoice in their healing?

SUMMER SERVICE: CHALLENGING . . . FULFILLING

Summer, for several hundred high school and college people, is the best time available in which to give themselves to a church-related service venture. The summer service program has been an important part of the education of persons for many years and in many denominations. The priorities this summer are basically three: racism, poverty, peace—both in the U.S.A. and overseas.

Service of various kinds—in the inner city, in rural slums, as well as in the "ghettos" of our middle-class neighborhoods—offer involvement at a socially significant level with local communities. Overseas, too, service projects offer opportunities for American youth to become involved, to learn as well as to serve. The greatest number of college-age candidates will be in some sort of community-service endeavor in the United States—working with children in Headstart programs, standing side-by-side with Youth Corps workers, sharing the tasks of VISTA, or championing the cause of the perennially unemployed.

Every aspect of the volunteer's life and experience is tested as he seeks to establish contact and communication with children and youth in our UCC-related children's homes, neighborhood houses, and inner-city churches which provide opportunities for summer volunteers. The participation of United Church of Christ youth is coordinated through the Division of Christian Education of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries which you help support through your gifts to Our

Christian World Mission.





I CHOOSE TO GIVE TO THIS LAST AS I GIVE TO YOU









Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

July 27, 1969

11:00 A.M.

A TIME TO REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

PRELUDE "The heavens declare the glory of God"

Psalm 19 B. Marcello

"Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word"

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN 74 "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"

*INVOCATION (Minister and People)

O Lord our God, in joyfulness we recognize your leading of our lives. As a company of seekers, we thank you for this moment to turn our thoughts from ourselves to your wonderful presence with us. Our Master's Prayer is our prayer:

*THE LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI

STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

ANTHEM "All Hail the Power"

J. Ellor

A TIME TO REFLECT AND RENEW

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OUR HERITAGE Luke 10:25-37 (TEV)
The Projected Text

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you And with thy spirit.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us And grant us your salvation. MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE "Hear Us, O Lord"

A TIME TO DECIDE AND DEDICATE

THE OFFERING

Offertory: God of the Heavens and the Earth
S. Karg-Elert

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

SERMON Be A Neighbor

HYMN 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE "Grant Us, Thy Peace"

POSTLUDE "I will praise thee, O Lord, my strength"

Psalm 18 B. Marcello

*Congregation Standing

WORD OF WELCOME to each member and visitor among us.

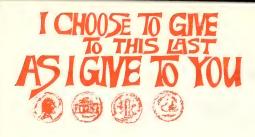
Here in worship may you meet the Lord and be met
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LTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. R. S. Shomaker, Sr., by Mrs. Shomaker.

UR CAMPERS this week are: Buddy and Nancy Boyd,
Jane Danieley and Cindy Rinker.

OSPITALIZED: Percy Benton at Alamance Memorial Scottie Law at Duke Hospital

ORCH ARTICLES are due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning.



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 1969

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable about hours and wages would never get any support from labor unions. Paying the same wage at the day's end without regard for when the laborers began their work does seem unjust. But the whole point of the parable in Matthew does not concern earning something at all. It concerns the gift of being invited to work in the vineyard of the King, whether early or late, and all are to know the same benefits. The Christian faith does not need collective bargaining, for the Employer's gift does justice to all.

AGONIZINGLY SLOW . . . REMARKABLY FAST

Progress toward a solution of our world's population crisis has been agonizingly slow when measured by the magnitude of the problem and the need for rapid solution. Yet it has been remarkably fast when viewed in historical perspective.

Around the world, especially in the so-called "developing" nations, moves to curb excessive rates of population increase generally go through three distinct phases according to Dr. R. T. Ravenhold, director of the Population Service of our nation's Office of the War on Hunger: the "pathfinder" phase in which family planning is recommended by individual medical and social leaders, including many missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries; the "voluntary association" phase, in which groups of nationals, including church bodies, back the family planning idea; and the "official program" phase in which the government makes family planning a priority concern.

The United Church of Christ is currently participating in a wide variety of programs aimed at combating the population crisis. Through Church World Service we are helping to provide more than \$350,000 worth of birth-control devices and services in nearly fifty countries. One project in which the UCBWM cooperates is a family-planning center and clinic in Baitalpur, Central India. From this center, "motivators" go out through the countryside to encourage participation in the program. This center is an example of interdenominational cooperation in response to a specific request for help from the Indian government. All around the world, missionaries supported by *Our Christian World Mission* are initiating and participating in such programs.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist - Jack O. White, Choir Dir.

August 3, 1969

11:00 A.M.

We say why we are here

Trumpet Voluntary H. Purcell PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day" "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" *HYMN OF PRAISE 345

We acknowledge what we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father in heaven, we confess our constant need of your forgiving presence. We have wasted your gifts and lived as though we had forgotten your love for us. Forgive us, we pray, that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM "Be Not Silent Unto Us" G. Pergolesi

The Word of God tells us what we ought to be THE CHILDREN'S STORY "What Will You Be?"

THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Romans 13:1-10 THE SERMON

"Unless Someone Interprets"

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation. THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

IYMN OF DEDICATION 365 "Faith of our Fathers"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Fugue F. Couperin

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of

your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve YMN 302 "O Zion, Haste" (stanzas 1 and 2) ENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You" OSTLUDE Trumpet Tune H. Purcell

*Congregation Standing

DARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.

IRCLE MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

ircle 1, Monday at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Al Gminder

ircle 2, Monday at 3:30 P.M. with Mrs. Fred Keisling ircle 3, Monday at 6:30 P.M. - annual picnic for

members and their families at the Parish House with

Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr., hostess.

Trcle 5, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Miss Caroline Powell Mrcle 6, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. with Mrs. Birdie Crutchfield

E HEALTH CLINIC meets in the Parish House Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 P. M.

TE BOOKMOBILE will be parked at the Williamson entrance to our church Thursday afternoon from 2:15 - 3:00 P. M.

WORD OF WELCOME to each member and visitor among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register and we hope you will want to return often.

i am the god of abraham, isaac and jacob

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 1969

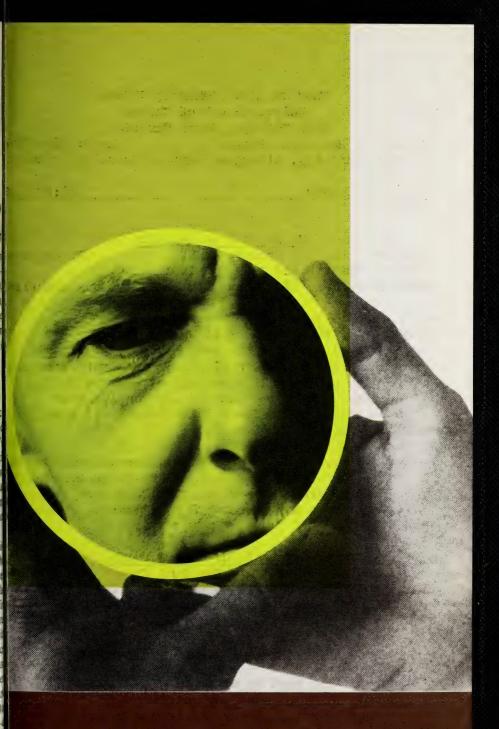
Mark 12:18-27

The roots of the Christian faith go deep into history. Figures from the distant past are part of a living community. In challenging the Sadducees' denial of God's power to give persons new life (resurrection), Jesus quotes the Old Testament affirmation, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." God does not simply forget the past. He makes the life and faith of persons of the past "alive" for us now, letting them nourish our lives and enhance the productivity of our faith in today's world. To forget our roots means a short-lived, cut-flower faith.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER SIX

Tension filled the air at the regular monthly meeting of the District Six School Board. The four members of the Littleton, Colorado, United Church of Christ attending the meeting were concerned. On the evening's agenda was a proposal made to the school board by the Littleton Council of Human Relations, a community group organized by the Littleton United Church of Christ and other churches of the community. What response would the members of the board make to their eight-point proposal? Would they table it forever, bury it in some committee, or act upon it immediately?

The moment came. The proposal was presented to the board. Discussion followed. The church representatives were impressed by the sensitivity and vision of the board members in dealing with the issues of deep human concern which the proposal raised. The Human Relations group had called for in-service training in human relations for teaching and administrative personnel. They had suggested a central school resource center. They had encouraged exchange programs with pupils and staff of other districts for wider racial and cultural experience They had asked for a review of school hiring practices, curriculum, and extra-curricular activities. At the end of the discussion, the member of the board voted unanimously to adopt in toto the proposal. "Remark able!" "Hope and joy!" So exclaimed the representatives of the Littleton United Church of Christ. This is a small congregation in a well-to-de suburb of Denver, Colorado, but even a small congregation can play an important role in fulfilling the church's responsibility in the life of its community.



Whose likeness is this?

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

J. Earl Danieley, Liturgist - Mrs.Al Hassell, Organist

August 10, 1969

PRELUDE

11:00 A.M.

We say why we are here
Prelude in E^b

J. Lemmens

CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT

*HYMN OF PRAISE 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

We acknowledge what we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All Uniting)

O Eternal God, forgive our misuse of your good gifts - opportunity neglected, half truth accepted. Forgive us our unkind words, our unsympathetic hearts. Forgive us that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen. *THE DOXOLOGY

The Word of God tells us what we ought to be
THE CHILDREN'S STORY "The Real Thing"
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Romans 1:1-7
THE SERMON "What Baptism Says About Us"
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you And with thy spirit.

Pastor: 0 Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation. THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo "How Great Thou Art" Mr. Gwaltney

* Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

* Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve

*HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Psalm 150

A. Johnson

*Congregation Standing

- FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes in memory of their grandson, Thomas Eric Costas.
- <u>WELCOME</u> to each of you as your worship with us today. Liturgist of the morning is Dr. J. Earl Danieley, and we also are delighted to have Mr. Robert Gwaltney as soloist.
- THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered today to David Alan Wood and James Thomas Wood, children of Captain and Mrs. Charles Wood.
- THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Don Huneycutt upon the birth of John David Huneycutt on August 5, and to the Louis Wilkins Family upon the arrival of Kristin Elizabeth, age four months.
- THE ELON COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE-COMMENCEMENT will be held next Sunday at 11:00 in Whitley Auditorium.

 Our services will be held at the usual times.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 1969

Mark 12:13-17

In an attempt to trap Jesus into either supporting or denying loyalty to the Roman oppressors, and thereby to bring down upon him the wrath of either the Jews or the Romans, the Pharisees asked Jesus about paying taxes. Jesus replied with an answer that went beyond a concern for political loyalty: If Caesar's likeness is on the coin, give it to him; but remember whose likeness is on you and give yourselves to Him! God has created us in his image to reflect and obey Him, and to do so in the light of the perfect reflection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

"TEACH US . . . SAVE US . . . "

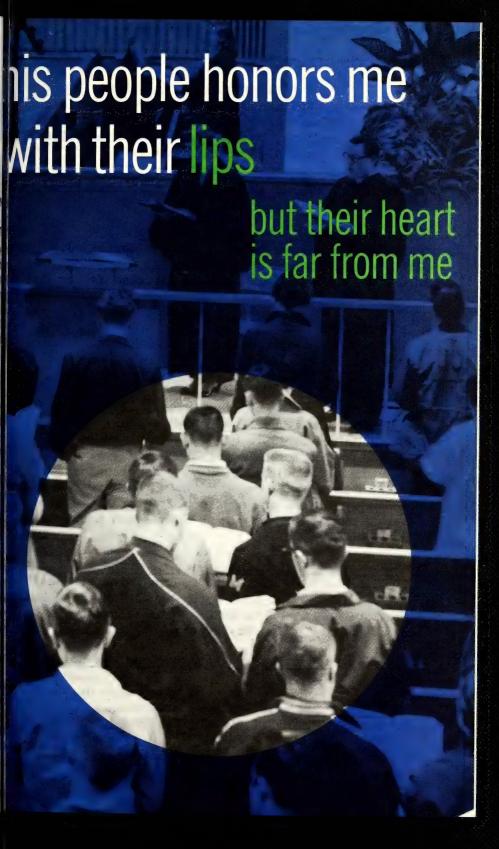
Some sang in the Ewe language, others in Kebu, still others in Akposso. Their voices were hearty and the blend melodic. One song had words like this: "O Lord, save us, save us. We're surrounded by troubles, division and quarrels, and there is no way out. Teach us to love each other. Teach us to love each other. O Lord, save us!"

The occasion for such singing was the Fifty-Year Jubilee celebrated last year by the Evangelical Church of Togo. This is a church with 56,000 members, over 6,000 converts having joined it since 1962. These persons are served by 42 pastors and by special programs of

evangelism, literacy, health and agriculture.

Charles Hein, with his wife, Gaby, has served in Togo under appointment from the United Church Board for World Ministries since 1955. Hein recalls an especially moving hour at the jubilee celebration when he, together with two other "elder pastors," was invited to give advice to a new candidate for ordination and to the candidate's wife. In Togo, the tradition is that three pastors advise the new man on how to cooperate and listen to the church elders, how to exercise his ministry, and how to practice the disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, and Christian charity so essential to his ministry.

Hein, a world-renowned literacy expert, was recently honored by the government of Togo with several of his colleagues, by being named as "Officer of the Order of Mono." This honor is one of the highest offered by the Togolese government. Through *Our Christian Worla Mission* you help send specialists of this caliber to people in many parts of the world.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-929
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

August 17, 1969

11:00 A.M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ J.S. Back CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT *HYMN OF PRAISE 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

We acknowledge who we are *A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All Uniting)

O Lord our God, forgive us for minimizing your greatness and maximizing our own. Without admitting it is so, we depend on you for the needs of today and the hope of a tomorrow. Forgive us that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Uniting)
We thank you, O God, for your assurance made
known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven:
that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord,
open our lips that we may show forth your praise.
*THE DOXOLOGY
Amen.

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be
THE CHILDREN'S STORY "What Do You Think of That?"
SOLO "The God of Love My Shepherd Is" Miss Smith
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Galatians 5
THE SERMON "You May Freely Eat"

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us
People: And grant us your salvation.
THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Jesus, My Heart's Delight A. Johnson

* Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the ministry of reconciliation, healing of the sick, teaching the young, caring for all,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve 356 "Make Me a Captive, Lord"

*HYMN 356 "Make Me a Captive, Lord" *BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Festival Toccata P. Fletcher

*Congregation Standing

THE SUMMER BACCALAUREATE-COMMENCEMENT of Elon College is being held in Whitley Auditorium during this hour. We offer congratulations to each of the graduates and especially to W. E. Lowe, III, Ed McGinnis, and David McLelland, who are members of this congregation.

FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. H. D. Lambeth, Jr., by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley.

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us today.

We are delighted to have Sherleen Smith as soloist.

THE BOOKMOBILE will be parked at the Williamson entrance to our church Thursday afternoon from 2:15 - 3:00 o'clock.

A DISPIAY BOARD has been arranged in the Narthex.

On it you will find various articles and information from the recent General Synod meeting.

PIAN NOW to attend our Church School Promotion Day on September 7.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 1969

Mark 7:1-13

The problem with mere lip-service religion seems to be present in every generation. The words on the cover, applied by Jesus to his generation, come from Isaiah some seven hundred years earlier and continue to strike us more than nineteen hundred years later. Though tremendous technological advance enables us now to travel to the moon, the human problem seems much the same: the need for people of deep dedication to God's healing of human life who can translate that dedication not so much into fancy language as into faithful love.

A COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The United Church of Christ, like the Congregational-Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church before it, has been in the forefront of denominations actively working for social justice. Today, local congregations, conferences and national instrumentalities of the United Church, and special committees such as the Committee for Racial Justice, are all to be found actively engaged in bringing the implications of the Gospel to bear on our society.

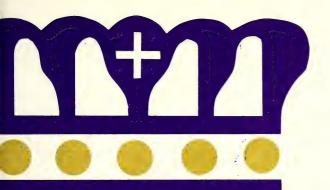
The Council for Christian Social Action, one of the eight national instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ, not only reminds us that there is much need for change in our society, it also seeks to help members of the United Church learn what they can do to help bring about

such change

International development, racial and cultural relations, economic justice for the poor, religious liberty, and social welfare are among the Council's many concerns. The Council publishes the monthly magazine Social Action and numerous other materials helpful to pastors and members of local congregations. Prior to each General Synod, the Council circulates proposed social resolutions to the churches so that every congregation may contribute toward their final determination

You support the work of the Council for Christian Social Action

through your gifts to Our Christian World Mission.



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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist Jack O. White, Choir

Phone: 584-

August 24, 1969

11:00

We say why we are here

Introduction and Toccata in G Major W. Wa PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT *HYMN OF PRAISE 206 "Ye Servants of

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All uniting)

O Lord our God, forgive us when we compromise in devotion to you and when we falsely rationalize t we have helped our fellow man as best we could. Forgive us, that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made know to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our that we may show forth your praise. Amen. *THE DOXOLOGY

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be Mrs. W. W. S THE CHILDREN'S STORY P ANTHEM Dear Lord and Father of Mankind THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Matthew 5: THE SERMON Modern Beatitudes

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation. THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Couplet 5

(Mass for the convents) J. Couperin

* Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the ministry of

reconciliation, healing of the sick, teaching the young, caring for all.

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

* Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve

*HYMN 411 "Lord God of Hosts"

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE Prelude in A Minor B. Marcello

*Congregation Standing

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Our visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. We hope you will want to return often. We welcome also Mrs. W. W. Sloan who is serving as liturgist of the morning.

THE FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. W. A. Holt, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Albright, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Holt.

PROMOTION DAY in the Church School will be held on September 7. We hope every one of our children can be present and there are two classes being taught for adults.

SOFTBALL TONIGHT at 6:30 at the Middle School field.
Children and adults are invited.

A DISPLAY BOARD has been arranged in the Narthex.

On it you will find various articles and information from the recent General Synod meeting.



Come, oh blessed of my father

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 196

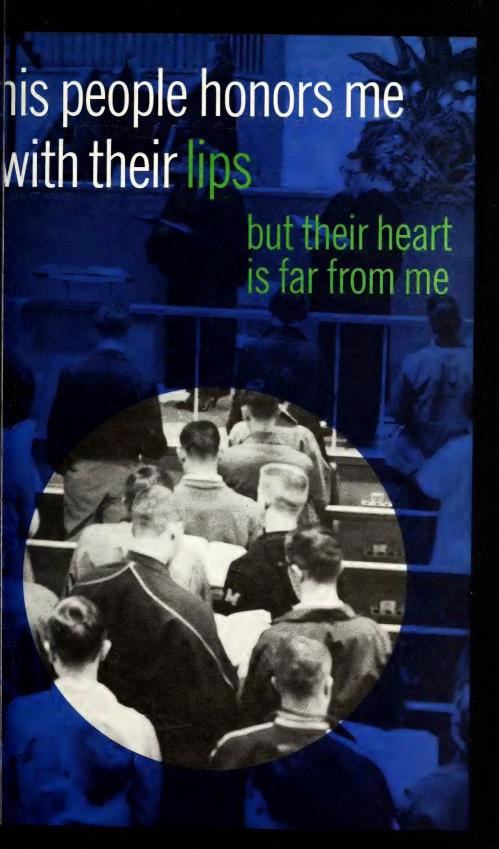
Matthew 25:31-4

The parable of the Last Judgment points to Jesus' deepest concern fo how much people care about human need. It proclaims that what a person does about that need affects his ultimate destiny. "Come, O blessed' are words to those who have cared for the hungry, thirsty, stranger naked, sick, and imprisoned; and who in doing so have done it to the King. But theirs is not a merit-badge goodness; they are surprised when confronted with their deeds. Theirs is a spontaneous overflow of a love that really cares about human hurts and acts to help.

PASTOR ABILYANNA HAD A PIG . . .

"What has raising pigs got to do with preaching the Gospel?" No many years ago, Pastor Abilyanna and many other pastors of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines wouldn't think of raising pigs. Bu gradually they have come to understand that raising pigs, or cattle, or goats, and farming bananas or vegetables can have a very important place in the way the Gospel affects the life of the Philippine farmer out in his village.

Just how important it now seems to Pastor Abilyanna can be seen from the fact that with a family of ten children—all in school—on a salary of only about \$25.00 (U. S.) a month, he accepted the cost of bringing a quality breeding-boar five hundred miles from Manila to Mindanao. Pastor Abilyanna will use this breeding-boar to upgrade the stock of pigs in his village. Two piglets from each litter will be returned to the Rural Life Program of the church for distribution to other people in the area. As for the other piglets in each litter, the words of the nursery rhyme. "This little pig went to market . . ." point the way they will go. An evergrowing number of Pastor Abilyanna's congregation will be able to add to their meager income through the increased pork production. And the Gospel will have been preached in word and also in deed as the church proves servant to its people in a needy world.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Mrs. Albert Gminder, Guest Organist
Jack O. White, Director of Music

August 31, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE COME, Holy Spirit Buxtehude
CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN OF PRAISE 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

We acknowledge who we are *A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

O Lord our God, forgive us when the name of Christ comes from our lips without glory to God or honor to men, when our words of faith fail to coincide with our deeds of life. Forgive us, that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen. *THE DOXOLOGY

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be
A STATEMENT ON THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
ANTHEM "The Church A Mighty Refuge Is" Fraser
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD I Corinthians 3:1-11
THE SERMON Three Questions About Work

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: 0 Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation.

THE LITANY FOR LABOR SUNDAY (see insert)

Choral Response "Keep this prayer in our hearts" PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Deck Thyself With Gladness Walther Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the ministry of reconciliation, healing of the sick, teaching the young, caring for all;

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.
Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve HYMN 370 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" BENEDICTION

Choral Response "The Lord will bless his people"
POSTLUDE Toccata in C Pachelbel

*Congregation Standing

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Our visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. We welcome also Coach Red Wilson and the 1969 Edition of the Elon College Fighting Christians. Returning today as guest organist is Mrs. Albert Gminder.

THE FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God to honor Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr., on their wedding anniversary by their children, Patricia, Anna Ruth, Susan and Steve.

SOFTBALL tonight at 6:00 o'clock at the Middle School field followed by a swim at the Children's Home pool. Children and adults are invited.

PROMOTION DAY in our Church School is next Sunday. We urge all of our children to be present in the sanctuary at 9:45 A. M.



their heart is far from me

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 1969

Mark 7:1-13

The problem with mere lip-service religion seems to be present in every generation. The words on the cover, applied by Jesus to his generation, come from Isaiah some seven hundred years earlier and continue to strike us more than nineteen hundred years later. Though tremendous technological advance enables us now to travel to the moon, the human problem seems much the same: the need for people of deep dedication to God's healing of human life who can translate that dedication not so much into fancy language as into faithful love.

A COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The United Church of Christ, like the Congregational-Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church before it, has been in the forefront of denominations actively working for social justice. Today, local congregations, conferences and national instrumentalities of the United Church, and special committees such as the Committee for Racial Justice, are all to be found actively engaged in bringing the implications of the Gospel to bear on our society.

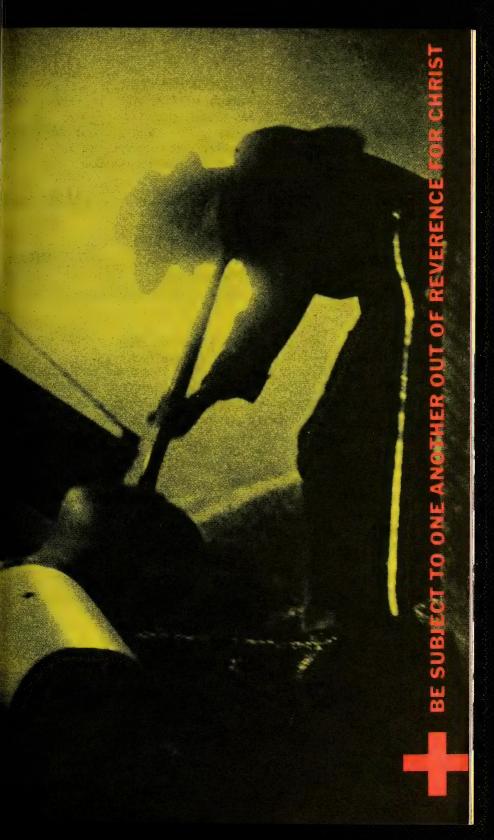
The Council for Christian Social Action, one of the eight national instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ, not only reminds us that there is much need for change in our society, it also seeks to help members of the United Church learn what they can do to help bring about

such change.

International development, racial and cultural relations, economic justice for the poor, religious liberty, and social welfare are among the Council's many concerns. The Council publishes the monthly magazine *Social Action* and numerous other materials helpful to pastors and members of local congregations. Prior to each General Synod, the Council circulates proposed social resolutions to the churches so that every congregation may contribute toward their final determination.

You support the work of the Council for Christian Social Action

through your gifts to Our Christian World Mission.



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294

Mrs. Albert Gminder, Guest Organist

Jack O. White, Director of Music

September 7, 1969

11:00 A. M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE In Peace and Joy
CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN OF PRAISE 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Willan

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

We confess, our Father, that there is much in our lives that needs renewal and change. Too often we are motivated by selfishness rather than divine whisperings. Renew us and convert us so that our best response can be made to you and to our fellowman. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE CHILDREN'S STORY

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Shepherd" N. Cain
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Hebrews 11-12:2
THE SERMON "Sometimes It Takes a Stubborn Faith"

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: 0 Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation.

THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Moderato Vyverman
Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve
HYMN 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"
BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE
POSTLUDE Let All Sing Praise

Willan

*Congregation Standing

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson in memory of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Sue Richardson.
- THE SERVICE OF MARRIAGE for Sara Barnes and John Parrett, Jr., will be celebrated at three o'clock today. The congregation is invited.
- THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Hunter Room. (Note time change.)
- THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have their general meeting Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Parish House. New officers will be installed for 1969-70.
- THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be observed on Sept. 21.

 Families with special interest should make arrangements with the Pastor. NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sept. 28. An orientation class will be held next Sunday during the Church School hour.
- THE PASTOR will be serving as Chaplain of Memorial Hospital during the week, September 8-13.

BE SUBJECT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 1969

Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

In a modern democracy no one wants to be subject to anyone else. We want to be free *from* any oppressive control, whether as husbands or wives, employers or employees, black or white. But free *for* what? Our theme on the cover points to a freedom for serving one another, not in a way that demeans but that honors Christ by building true personhood in both the server and the served. Whether in country or city, our labor is not given for exploitation but for exploration in using factory and farm, office and shop, to build human health in His serving spirit.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: WHICH WAY?

According to Dr. Jesse H. Ziegler, executive of the American Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada, theological education is in for some fundamental and radical changes in the next few years. While predicting the future is always risky, Dr. Ziegler points to certain trends which have already begun.

Theological education in the next twenty years, Dr. Ziegler feels, will sharply distinguish between academic study and professional preparation. Theology will be increasingly related to other disciplines such as sociology and psychology. This means that there will be less discussion of abstract theological ideas unrelated to concrete experience. Theology will have its place in helping persons to understand and deal critically with contemporary, concrete problems.

Dr. Ziegler notes that theological schools will have to become more ecumenical in the future if they are to prepare men and women for an increasingly ecumenical church and ministry. And the schools will have to listen more to the expectations of laymen in the churches and in the community.

Some twenty-one theological schools related to the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. are affiliated with the American Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada.

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Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Jack O. White, Director of Music

September 14, 1969

11:00 A. M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Toccata, Adagio (BWV 564) J. S. Bach CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN OF PRAISE 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

We confess, our Father, that we enjoy being on the receiving end of forgiveness and trust. Because we are forgiven, therefore we can forgive; because we are trusted, therefore we can trust. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven: that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be

THE CHILDREN'S STORY

THE ANTHEM "The Shadow of Thy Wings" Andrews
Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Soprano

THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Ephesians 4,5 (selected)
THE SERMON Living By Our Therefores

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation. THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Dialogue sur la Voix humanine -Couperin Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, in faithfulness to the trust invested in us,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives. Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve
"HYMN 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers"
"BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE
"POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les grands jeux "Couperin

*Congregation Standing

- WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. We delight in the return of Elon College students and in the presence of the new students. We hope you will be with us regularly. We also welcome the return of Dr. Alfred Hurst as Liturgist of the morning.
- AN ORGAN RECITAL will be presented in Whitley Auditorium by Professor Richard Apperson this afternoon at four o'clock.
- THE CONFIRMATION CLASS meets here this afternoon at two o'clock and parents of the Confirmation students are asked to be here at 3:30. The class is open to all our young people in the eighth grade or older.
- AN ADULT CIASS for new members will be meeting next Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Secretary's office.
- TORCH news items or information will be due in the Secretary's office by Tuesday morning.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 1969

Matthew 23:23-39

Jesus' scathing words to religious hypocrites ought to deliver us from any sentimental picture of him. In Matthew's portrayal, he even called them "whitewashed tombs . . . full of dead men's bones." Why? Because they kept all the religious rules but forgot "justice and mercy and faith." These three belong together. In the Bible, justice is no balancing of the scales. It is tipping them on the side of mercy. And that mercy stems from faith in a merciful God. Enough of hypocrisy! Human life cries out for faith that rings true in deed!

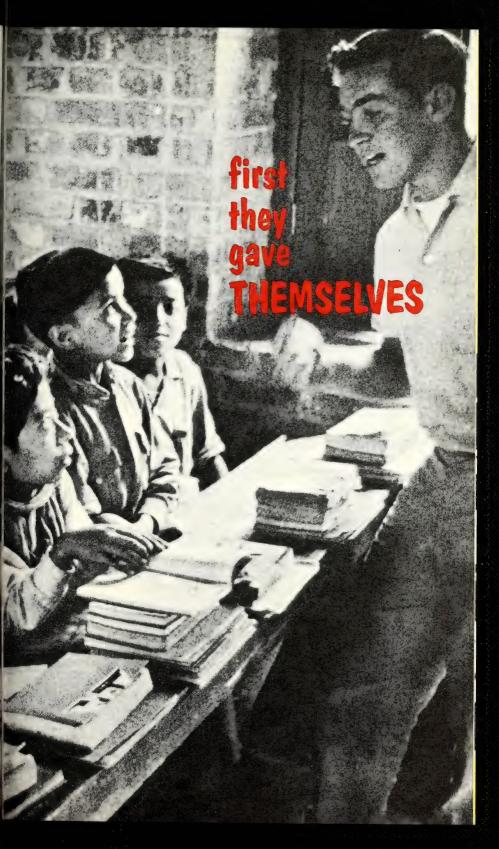
A NOT-SO-HOLY LAND

"Where is justice?" the million-and-a-half refugees and displaced persons of the Middle East ask the world today. In July, 1968, one year after the "Six-Day War," the Middle East and Europe Department of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. sent a deputation team to the Middle East to survey the refugee situation. The team reported strong criticism from the more than four million Christians who live in the Middle East. It was the conviction of those with whom the team spoke that Christians of the West, especially those of the United States, have not been vigorous in pursuit of justice, but have rather been indifferent, even hostile to their plight.

The United Church of Christ contributed over \$100,000 to the Near East Emergency Fund over the past two years. Over \$1,000,000 in funds and materials over the past ten years were given through the One Great Hour of Sharing—Share Our Substance appeal. However, there is still much to be done in understanding the Middle East situation and seeking

a "just and lasting peace" for that area of our world.

First, we have an obligation to combat stereotypes about the Middle East. Neither side is fully in the right. Second, we must both seek the facts of the situation and recognize the feelings with which both sides tend to interpret these facts. Third, we must seek not only to bind up old wounds, but to prevent new ones. We have not yet adequately fulfilled these simple requirements, as those who serve the United Church Board for World Ministries in the Near East can well testify.



THOMAS R. HAMILTON, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

September 21, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Prelude (Op. 5) M. Durufle
CALL TO WORSHIP and CHORAL INTROIT
*HYMN OF PRAISE 433 "God of Our Fathers"

We acknowledge who we are

*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father, we ask your forgiveness for the things we have done that make us uncomfortable in your presence. Make us ready to receive forgiveness that we may also know your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are made new creatures. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be
THE ANTHEM "Fairest Lord Jesus"
CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation.

THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE

THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD Psalm 8

THE SERMON Challenge To Faith

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory

Congregational response "We Give Thee But Thine Own!

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, in faithfulness to the trust

invested in us.

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

*Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve *HYMN 60 "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name" *BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE Fugue on the Kyrie F. Couperin *POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

WELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. We delight in the return of Elon College students and in the presence of the new students. We hope you will be with us regularly. Our thanks go to Jerry Gammon for his assistance in the sermon of the morning and to Rev. John Graves for his participation in the Baptism.

THE PRELUDE this morning is by Maurice Durufle. Mr. and Mrs. Durufle are giving a recital this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington. The recital is open to the public.

THE FLOWERS are given today by Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Brafford to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mac Lean.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered today to Robert Andrew Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Baxter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. and Mrs. Johathan Lucas upon the birth of Jonathan Roland on September 15; and to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Berard upon the birth of Eric Games Berard on September 18.

THE PRIMARY CHOIR (Grades 1-3) and the JUNIOR CHOIR (Grades 4-7) will rehearse tomorrow afternoon-3:30.

first they gave THEMSELVES

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 1969

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The early Christians took up collections too. Paul tapped the resources of the churches he visited in order to meet the needs of the poor elsewhere and they gave even "beyond their means." But the motivation for such giving lay in the fact that first they "gave themselves to the Lord," who "though he was rich... became poor." Such giving ourselves to him is more than an inner feeling. It happens when we give ourselves to Christ as he meets us in his brothers, young and old, and then opens both our lives and our billfolds to joyous sharing.

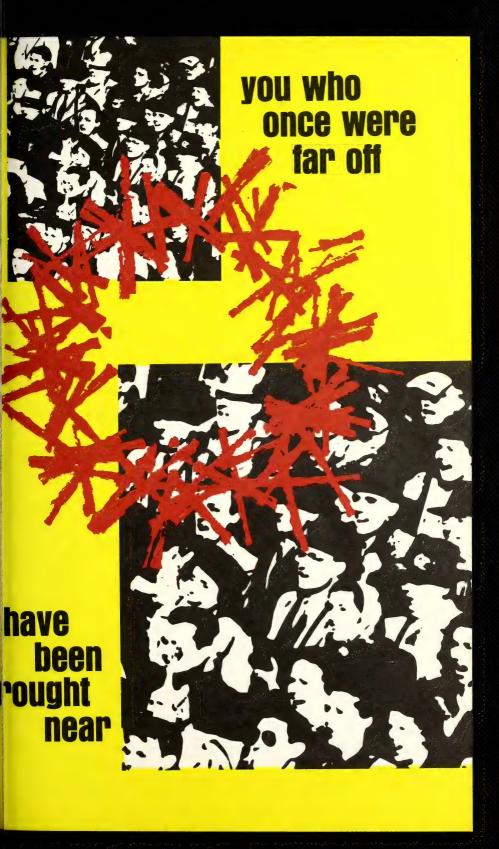
TAKING EDITH TO HAWAII

When James William Smith, M. D. offered to go to the Sandwich Islands Mission (Hawaii) back in 1842, he had a problem. He was a bachelor and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, one of the predecessors of our United Church Board for World Ministries, had no openings for bachelors. "Find a wife before the ship sails," the commissioners told him.

Friends made all sorts of helpful suggestions. Finally, one recommended that Dr. Smith call on the Knapp household. The Knapps, a pious, Christian family, already had a son at work in the Hawaii mission. They also had two daughters of marriageable age: Melicent and Edith. "Ask for Edith," Dr. Smith was admonished, "she's the pretty one!"

The young doctor approached the Knapp home in all seriousness. He knocked. The young woman answered the door and replied to his question by saying, "I'm sorry, my sister has gone out. Won't you come in and wait. I'm Melicent Knapp!" Whether Edith, the pretty sister, ever got home in time to meet the doctor is unknown. No matter! It was her sister, Melicent, who married the doctor and went with him to the "Sandwich Islands."

The Sandwich Islands Mission, one of the first established by our forebears, is the direct predecessor of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ, which celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary this year.



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Jack O. White, Director of Music

Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

September 28, 1969

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread-Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

People: Let us worship and bow down;

let us come before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God and we are his people.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PSALTER READING 87 Psalm 84 p. 527, hymnal

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2: 12-22

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us pray:

Choral Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

MEDITATION The Wall-less Fellowship

THE OFFERING Offertory

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

NTHEM Let Us Break Bread Together - Spiritual

HE SERVICE OF COMMUNION Communion Collect

General Confession (in unison) hymnal, p. 495

Assurance of Pardon Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving

IYMN 272 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response "Threefold Amen" POSTLUDE O Lord, We Praise Thee

Scheidt

~~~~ \*Congregation Stands

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God by Mary Lee Fostor in memory of her parents, Reverend and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Sr., and her brother James Lee Fostor, Jr.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the family of Walter E. Cox upon the death of Mrs. Cox on September 23.

ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will meet at Johnston Hall of the Children's Home on Tuesday evening at seven.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due by Tuesday morning.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE in memory of Mrs. W.P. Lawrence will be held here at three o'clock today.



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#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 196

#### **Christian Education Week**

Ephesians 2:11-2

The Letter to the Ephesians calls powerfully for Christian unity. I proclaims that Christ has smashed the walls between people. His self giving love is the barrier-breaking deed that incorporates them in on body. Does Christian education have any more profound purpose that breaking-barriers and bringing persons near to one another in one new humanity? Parents and children, teacher and students, black and white this church and that? Education means "leading out"—yes, leading each other out into a new human unity in the love of Christ for us all.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FOR ACTION

The Chinese character meaning "Crisis," an old missionary point out, is literally translated, "dangerous opportunity." The Crisis in the Nation program in which the United Church of Christ is now engaged offers many such "dangerous opportunities"—opportunities for education and for action. Recently, the New York Conference in its monthly newsletter noted some of them. A local congregation can:

- Exchange pulpits or congregations.
- Hold retreats for blacks and whites youth, adults, families.
- Schedule a film series, or a drama, on the Crisis in the Nation.
- Preach the Gospel straight from the shoulder and uncover racism.
- Give moral and financial support to black banks.
- Open homes to minority students seeking quality education.
- Do something about open housing and low-income housing.
- See that libraries provide books on Negro history and culture.
- Explore the dynamics of attitudinal and behavioral change and the meaning of revolution in our day.

In addition local congregations can provide an amount equal to 1% to 5% of their local church expenses for the Crisis in the Nation program, and give individual members a chance to participate through the annual fall Neighbors in Need Offering.

Each individual and each congregation will have to determine how best to bridge the chasm of racism and provide a ministry of reconciliation. The opportunities, the "dangerous opportunities," are many. The problem: moving from discussion and thinking to acting and doing something about the Crisis in the Nation.

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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone 584-9294
Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist - Jack O. White, Choir Dir.

October 5, 1969

11:00 A. M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Maestoso

H. Schroeder

Andante sostenuto

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INTROIT: "O Come Let us Worship' \*HYMN OF PRAISE 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

We acknowledge who we are

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
Our Father, we confess that often we use your
name to justify our own goals and seldom do

name to justify our own goals and seldom do we seek first your desire for our lives. Forgive us that we may know your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*A PRAYER OF GOD'S MERCY

We thank you, 0 God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are new persons. 0 Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be THE ANTHEM O Be Joyful in the Lord CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation

THE MORNING PRAYER WITH RESPONSE: Hear Us, O Lord
THE READING FROM GOD'S WORD John 10:1-16

THE SERMON The Church --- It's Oneness

# Te pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo - - The Love Commandment Mozart
Mrs. Albert Gminder, Soprano

Congregational response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, in faithfulness to the trust invested in us,

People; We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We go forth in to the world to serve

NMAN 63 "Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings (stanzas 1,2)
THE BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE: Grant Us Thy Peace
THE POSTLUDE Poco Vivace H. Schroeder

# \*Congregation Standing

ELCOME to each of you as you worship with us this morning. Our visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. We hope you will want to return often.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mrs. J. A. Hunger and Family to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. J. A. Hunter

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP today is broadcast over WBAG-AM courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Hughes.

# OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS are as follows:

Circle 1: 10:00 October 5, with Mrs. Scott
Circle 2: 3:30 October 6, with Mrs. Latham
Circle 3: 8:00 October 6, with Miss Reitzel
Circle 4: 10:00 October 6, with Miss Moore
Circle 5: 8:00 October 7, with Mrs. Haey
Circle 6: 8:00 October 7, with Mrs. Hamilton

# Lord of all

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 5, 1969

World-Wide Communion
Neighbors in Need All-Church Offering

Romans 10:11-17

On this World-Wide Communion Sunday the cup proclaims one Lord who cuts across all geographical, national, racial and social boundaries to give himself to us all. It proclaims a love that in the cross entered and enters into the crisis of the world, even into death, to demonstrate God's power to renew and recreate human life. It proclaims the motivating nourishment of Christ's presence that moves us to share ourselves and our substance with our neighbors in need. It proclaims one family, united to serve together as our Father's community of compassion.

#### **MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS' NEEDS**

TV programs, newspapers, films and other news media confront us with the malignancies in our American society. Sitting in comfortable homes we see faces of starving Americans. We meet those who live in poverty and despair. We know that many schools house, but do not educate, the underprivileged; that jobs are not available for too many of the unskilled; that prejudice and bigotry are polarizing our society.

We have been shocked into a confrontation which offers few alternatives. We are told by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders that: "Discrimination and segregation have long permeated much of American life; they now threaten the future of every American."

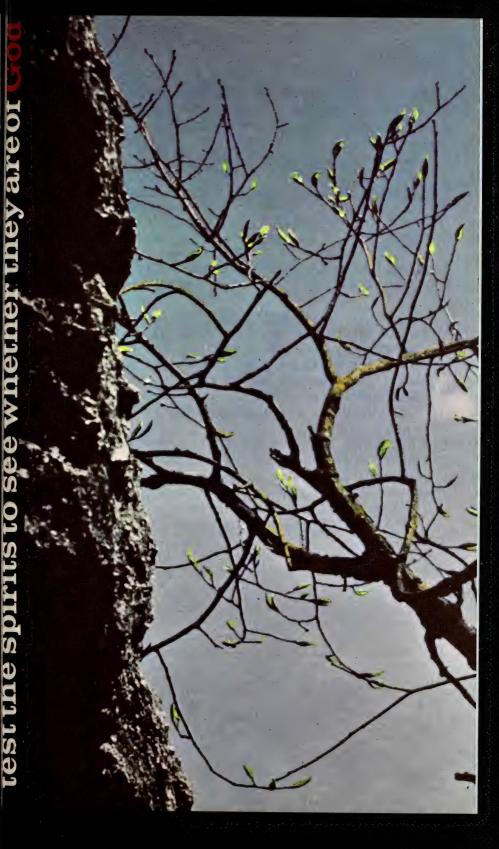
This is the diagnosis of experts. Is there a cure?

According to the Commission, the cure will require "a commitment to national action—compassionate, massive and sustained—it will require new attitudes, new understanding, and above all, new will."

The United Church of Christ has undertaken a three-year emphasis on Crisis in the Nation. The Committee for Racial Justice has been assigned the responsibility for coordinating our efforts in the cause of justice, community development, education, and economic improvement for minorities who are most affected by extreme poverty and lack of opportunity.

The fall offering for Neighbors in Need supports programs that are approved by the Committee for Racial Justice. You can help through your local church and through gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church

fall offering.



# ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ

Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist - Jack O. White, Choir Dir.

October 12, 1969

11:00 A. M.

We say why we are here

F. Mendelssohn Con moto maestoso PRELUDE (from the third Sonata)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CHORAL INTROIT "This is the Day" \*HYMN OF PRAISE 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure ..."

We acknowledge who we are

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father, we confess our constant need of your forgiving presence. We have wasted your gifts and . lived as though we have forgotten your love for us. Forgive us, we pray, that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are made new persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE ANTHEM "Praise the Lord, 0 My Heart" Handel INSTALLATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be THE READING OF GOD'WORD Matthew 16:13-19 Revelation 21:1-3

THE SERMON "The Church --- A Bride"

We pledge ourselves to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us And grant us your salvation. People:

THE MORNING PRAYER with CHORAL RESPONSE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo Miss Clendennin

Litany of Dedication

IYMN

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

<u>People:</u> We dedicate our gifts and our lives. Prayer of Dedication

We go forth into the world to serve 232 "Spirit of God ..."

SENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You" POSTLUDE Toccata E. Gigout

# \*Congregation Standing

- HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. W. P. Lawrence by Miss Nannie D. Reitzel.
- UR SERVICE OF WORSHIP today is broadcast over WEAG-A.M., courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long.
- HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:30.
- MEMORIAL SERVICE OR WORSHIP in recognition of the nation-wide Moratorium will be held here Mednes-day evening at 8:00. The congregation is invited.
- E JOIN in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. L. E. Fogleman and Family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. H. J. Pritchett on October 8.
- THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday evening for the purpose of adopting a proposed 1970 Church Budget and a Church Constitution. Copies of the constitution are available as you leave this morning.

# test the spirits

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 1969

#### **Laity Sunday**

1 John 4:1-12

The writer of 1 John gave two criteria to early Christians for testing their faith: believe that Jesus has come in the flesh, and love your brother. The writer challenged the spirit of those who considered human flesh evil, and who claimed that Jesus only *seemed* to be human. No, Jesus expressed God's love for the world in human life which is as real as rocks and trees. And that love makes concrete love for our brothers indispensable. Laity Sunday emphasizes that Christian faith is not "out of this world." It is love at work in the real stuff of our daily life.

#### BEING A LAYMAN OUT IN THE WORLD

"Today," according to a new booklet Let's Face Facts published by the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ, "many lay Christians are convinced that the Christian's faith is centered in life as it really is . . ." The United Church Herald recently called attention to three such lay Christians:

- Dr. Teofilo Santi, Italian doctor, whose dream of a hospital to serve the needy and destitute of Naples became a reality last year, in part through help from persons in the United Church of Christ who shared his dream.
- Mrs. Richard Peggs, a member of West Elm United Church of Christ in Lima, Ohio. A homemaker with no special training, Mrs. Peggs has given her time and talents to the Mizpah Community Center where she works to help meet such daily needs as headstart and adult classes, teen-age activities and sewing and cooking classes.
- Vernon Bader, a dairyman and wheat farmer, who as moderator of the North Dakota Conference has gone far toward his goal of speaking in each of the 93 churches scattered across the northern plains, cementing relations among the churches there.

Being an active layman is no more, and no less, than living one's faith out in the real world—in Naples, Lima, Fargo, or your own hometown—where God is already working out his purposes.

Let there Be

PEACE!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

# "LET THERE BE PEACE"

A

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MORATORIUM DAY OCTOBER 15, 1969

PRELUDE

Mrs. Hassell

SOLEMN DECLARATION
Isaiah 2:1-5

Pastor Hamilton

\*HYMN 446 God the Omnipotent

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES
Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-3

Mr. Kaufman

A LITANY OF PEACE

Mr. Gillespie

That we may become more conscious of the basic rights and the inherent dignity of all men,
WE PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING, O LORD.

That we may become more concerned with our use of the material benefits God has given us.

WE PRAY FOR WISDOM, O LORD.

That we might use with discretion the mighty forces which God has revealed to us,

WE PRAY FOR GUIDANCE, O LORD.

That we may strive for the achievement of God's perfect plan of peace for mankind.

WE PRAY FOR FAITH, O LORD.

That we might express in our lives the mind and spirit of Christ in loving our neighbors as ourselves,

WE PRAY FOR THE REVELATION OF THYSELF, O LORD.

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

O GOD, MAKE US THE INSTRUMENTS OF THY PEACE. AMEN.

\*HYMN 447 O God of Love, O ging of Peace

TW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-15; 30-48

RAYER

Mr. Wyllie

Pastor Whiteside

ET Because All Men are Brothers

Miss Rutt Miss Truitt Dr. Danieley

DITATION

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They'll Know we are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
Chorus and Chorus Repeat

ENEDICTION

Dr. Hurst

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

Vesper Committee: Jim Gillespie, Walter Kale, Dale Kaufman, Dice Wyllie

Carl Reynolds

Clergymen: Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor of Elon

College Community Church

Alfred Hurst, Campus Minister,

Elon College

Hoyle Whiteside, Pastor of Macedonia

Lutheran Church, Burlington

Musicians: Mrs. Al Hassell, Organist

Miss Mary Rutt, Miss Carol Truitt

Speaker: J. Earl Danieley, President of Elon

College

from whom every family in heaven and earth is named...



Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294 Mrs. Al. Hassell, Organist - Jack O. White, Choir Dir.

October 19, 1969

11:00 A. M.

# We say why we are here

PRELUDE

Largo

F. Veracini

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "O Come, Let Us Worship" \*HYMN OF PRAISE 446 "God the Omnipotent"

We acknowledge who we are \* A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting) Number 19, p.505

\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are made new persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen. \*THE DOXOLOGY

THE ANTHEM Sing to the Lord"

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be THE READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 42:1-4

I Peter 2:4-10
THE SERMON "The Church --- Belongs to the Lord"

We pledge to love God and our neighbor

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: 0 Lord, show your mercy upon us

People: And grant us your salvation

#### THE MORNING PRAYER

Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
Offertory Solo "O Lord on High" Miss Barney

Congregational Response

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

# We go forth into the world to serve

HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE POSTLUDE "Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost" J. S. Bach

# \*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. R. Lewis Smith by Mrs. Smith and the Family.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP today is broadcast over WEAG-AM, courtesy of Dr. and Mr. J. E. Danieley.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH (grades 9-12) will hold a planning session with Mr. & Mrs. J. Dollar at 6:30 this evening in the Youth Room.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the congregation will be held here this evening at 7:30 to act on the proposed 1970 church budget and the proposed church constitution. Copies of the proposed constitution are available as you leave this morning.

HOSPITALIZED: Mr. Carl Dawson is now at home following a week's hospitalization.



# every family...

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 1969

#### World Order Sunday

Ephesians 3:14-21

Christian concern for unity reaches beyond our reach. The Letter to the Ephesians declares God's will for the unity of all men and all things. God's love in Christ expresses an all-inclusive purpose. The arms of the cross reach out symbolically to "name" all the earth's families as the Father's children. Our task as Christians is to embody that unity convincingly among ourselves—a unity of growth in love and outreach to all people. When that happens we actively participate in a concern for world order that embodies God's "liberty and justice for all."

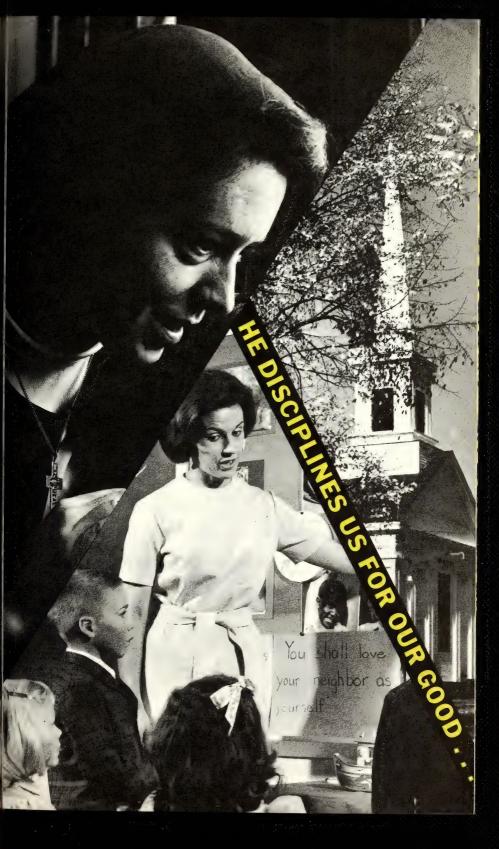
### AN ENVOY FROM YOUR CHURCH

Has your church appointed a United Nations Envoy? That question really isn't as silly as it may at first sound, for your congregation now has a chance to participate in a new "UN Envoy" program of the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ has consistently recognized its responsibility to aid the United Nations in its labors for peace and justice. A pronouncement of the Third General Synod in 1961 noted that the UN "is indispensable to world peace and order and to progress toward world community." The Fifth General Synod in 1965 called the UN. "our best hope of creating the beginnings of a civilized community."

The new UN Envoy program is a means by which authentic information on the United Nations and related world affairs can be provided to your local congregation. This information can build a climate of support for the UN, encourage deeper understanding of crisis situations, and promote action for the strengthening of the UN. In addition, the program, by substituting facts for the distorted stories and misinformation that are too often current, can help combat extremist attacks on the United Nations.

The UN Envoy program is administered by the International Relations office of our Council for Christian Social Action which, in addition, helps to arrange a wide variety of UN seminars, programs, and tours.



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October 26, 1969 Reformation Sunday 11:00 A. M.

We say why we are here

PRELUDE Psalm - Prelude H. Howells (Psalm 23:4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "This is the Day"
\*HYMN OF PRAISE 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

We acknowledge who we are

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting) Number 20, p.505
The Assurance of God's Mercy

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are made new persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE ANTHEM "Blessing and Honor" Mueller

SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be READING OF GOD'S WORD Galatians 2:15-21

THE SERMON 'The Church --- Reforms to Truth'

We pledge to love God and our neighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us People: And grant us your salvation

THE MORNING PRAYER
Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

RESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory Duet "The Lord is my Shepherd"
Miss Smith, Mr. Gwaltney

Congregational Response

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

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# We go forth into the world to serve

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE "Threefold Amen"

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in E" W. Thalond

# Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. L. D. Martin by Mrs. L. D. Martin and Family.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE for Kristin Elizabeth Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins is held this morning.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP today is broadcast over WEAG-AM, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Colclough and Dr. and Mrs. Philip Mann.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Robert C. Baxter Family upon the death of Mr. John Thomas Baxter

SENIOR HI YOUTH meets this evening at 6:30.

ARTICLES for The Torch are due in the Secretary's office Tuesday morning.

THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION will meet Wednesday at New Bern, North Carolina.

# FOR OUR GOOD . . .

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 1969

Reformation Sunday Youth Sunday Hebrews 12:3-11

We often regard discipline as providing punishment rather than as giving direction. True discipline shows a genuine concern for the disciplined, not the angry frustration of the one who disciplines. It seeks to respect and foster the full personhood of another. For the Christian, as for the athlete or student or child, discipline seeks to help a person to perform at his best. Likewise, the Reformation of the Church seeks God's new discipline for faith at its best and for maximum participation in his work of making all human life healthy and whole.

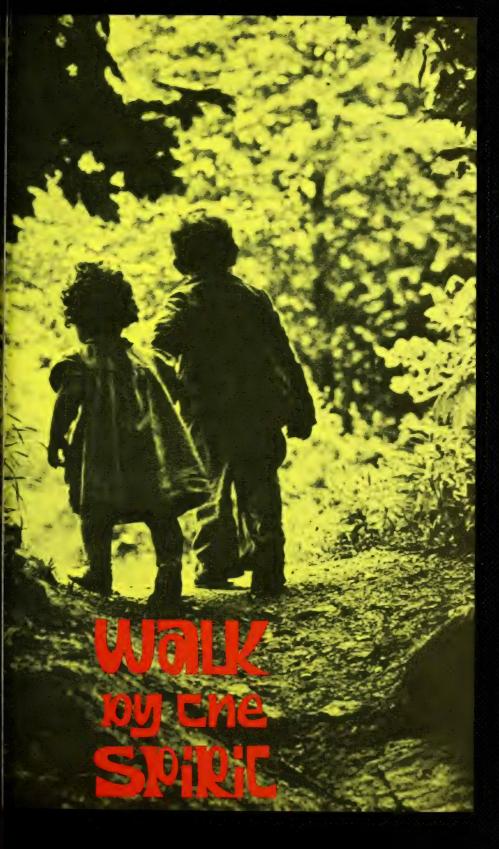
### A REFORMED CHURCH STILL REFORMING

An interdenominational "Shalom" group in Holland is concerned for the renewal of Christian worship. At an evening house meeting, thirty people sit around a long table that has been spread for the evening meal. Jugs of red wine and baskets of long white rolls are on the table, and beside each plate is an ecumenical songbook.

The host, a young Dutch technician, welcomes the group and says a few words about matters of concern to all Christians. Hymn singing, readings from devotional classics and the Scriptures, and a prayer of general confession follow, and then someone brings in the soup.

The host takes a roll, refers to the body's need for bread, and then talks about breaking and sharing bread in the Lord's Supper. He breaks his own roll and passes it around until everyone has a piece of it. The people serve the wine to each other while the host quotes from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 10. Then lifting his glass he says, "Shalom" (peace, justice) and the others respond to the toast. Afterwards they finish their meal and talk.

Someone reports on his visit to Mississippi and the work of the Delta Ministry in voter education—a ministry which many churches throughout the world support through the World Council of Churches and in which both the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ participate. A collection is taken for this ministry, a hymn is sung and then the people leave the table.



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November 2, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" \*HYMN OF PRAISE 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting) Number 18, p.505
The Assurance of God's Mercy

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We thank you, O God, for your assurance made known to us in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven; that in him we are made new persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may show forth your praise. Amen.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE ANTHEM Prayer of St. Chrysostom E. Butler

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Word of God tells us who we ought to be THE READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 23:1-23

THE SERMON "A Holy Ought"

We pledge to love God and our meighbor CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, show your mercy upon us,

People: Grant us your salvation

THE PASTORAL PRAYER and Choral Response

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

HYMN

Congregational Response

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Our Father, to the obedient service of your kingdom of justice and peace,

People: We dedicate our gifts and our lives.

Prayer of Dedication

# We go forth into the world to serve 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE POSTLUDE

"Gloria"

M. Dupre

# \*Congregation Standing

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Marie Van Bolkon.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening at 6:30 in the Parish House

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

REAKFAST for the Women was this morning at 8:00 and vill be next Sunday at the same hour for the men. teservations may be made with Mr. Wesley Alexander.

PLEDGE CARDS with a copy of the 1970 Budget have been mailed to the membership. You are asked to submit your pledge next Sunday.

THE WOMEN'S Fall Enrichment Program will be held Friday, November 7, at our Southern Pines Church. Registration begins at 9:30. Mrs. T. A. Boland is our official delegate but others are cordially invited to attend as well.



#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 2, 1969

Galatians 5:16-25

For Paul, the Spirit is God's power at work to give human life a new direction—a direction that moves away from the darkness of self-centeredness toward the light of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." As we walk together on our daily path, it means a new freedom to serve one another in the nitty-gritty of each day with the openness and radiance of children. The Spirit does not remove us from this world but empowers us to live together with genuine helpfulness and loving concern in it.

### YOU HELP "SEARV" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

A Burmese farmer rides his waterbuffalo up and down the field, left hand on the lead-rope, right hand holding a transistor radio up to his ear. Unusual? Not any more. Not since SEARV.

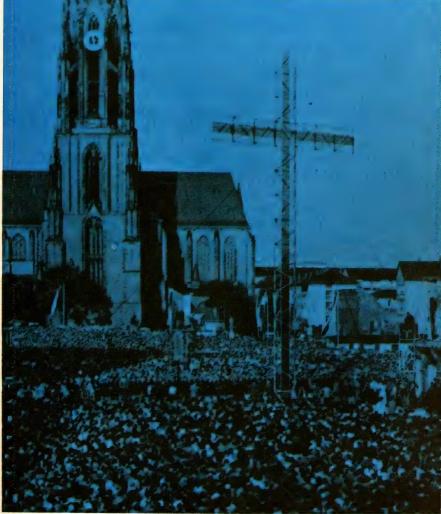
SEARV, which stands for the South East Asia Radio Voice, is one of several regional Christian communications networks supported by the United Church of Christ and other cooperating North American denominations which work through RAVEMCCO, the Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communications Committee of the National Council of Churches.

SEARV began broadcasts to Burma and Thailand in May 1968 over its own 50,000 watt shortwave transmitter near Manilla. Today, SEARV reaches people in Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and both North and South Vietnam. Soon, SEARV plans to add an antenna to be beamed on the China sector and possibly one for Indonesia.

In addition, the Philippine National Council of Churches operates two stations, DYSR and DZCH, with four transmitters. The churches involved in the network represent more than 80% of the Protestant Christians in the Philippines. The four transmitters are on the air for a combined total of 42 hours each day, providing not only overtly religious programs but also first-rate news and popular music not otherwise available to the listening public.

Radio plays a dominant role in the life of Southeast Asia. The great distances involved and political difficulties which prevent much local Christian witness make radio the chief means of communication in many areas. You help make this possible through your gifts to *Our Christian World Mission*, part of which are channeled through the United Church Board for World Ministries and RAVEMCCO.





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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-9294
Miss Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist
Jack O. White, Director of Music

November 9, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Ein Feste Burg

Edmundson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit "Alleluia"

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father, we confess our constant need of your forgiving presence. Unless our abilities are invested in service to mankind, they are ill-used. Forgive us, we pray, that we may receive your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We are thankful, our Father, for divine assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are renewed persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may sing praises. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE ANTHEM Come, O Thou God of Grace V. T. Ford

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD Jeremiah 31:31-34
Mark 4:21-29

THE SERMON "In the Time it Takes to Grow"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

#### A LITANY OF DEDICATION

Istor: 0 God, we thank thee for blessings so constant that we have come at last to take them for granted. For all the things for which we have never given thanks to thee,

NOPLE: O LORD, WE NOW HUMBLY OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING.
Istor: For common things of earth which sustain our bodies in health and strength,

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

stor: For invisible things of heaven and earth which enrich life with beauty and grace,

NOPLE: WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

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Istor: For things of the spirit which disclose to us the beauty of thy holiness,

ROPLE: WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

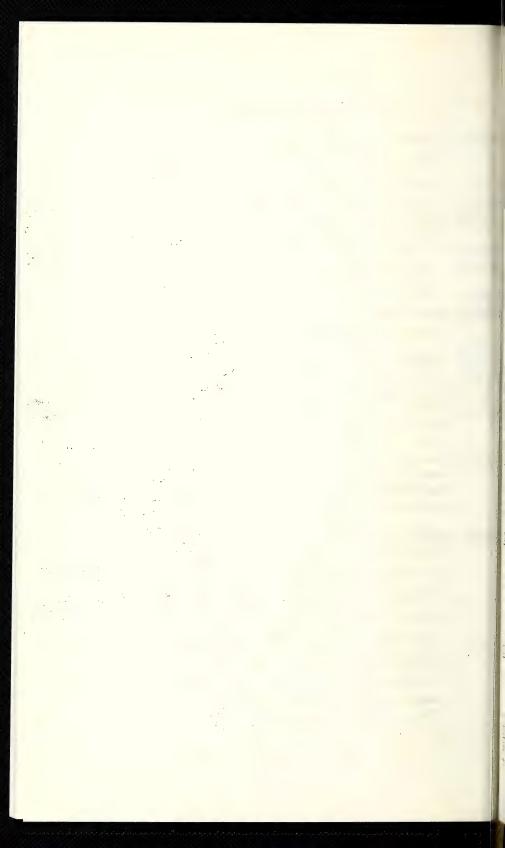
istor: Though there be no end to thy gifts,

COPLE: HELP US TO REMEMBER THEM AS THEY ARE REVEALED TO US DAY BY DAY.

of house and the warmth of clothing, for daily work and thoughtful friends, and reasonable margins of security and comfort, and yet have no anguish in our ease that even now other children of thine are helpless and hopeless, then give us thy blessing of caring even as we learn the tender grace of sharing.

VISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Father, we pray thy blessing on these gifts of our hands and hearts. As Christ taught the disciples to heal the sick, so would we be followers of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And so with hearts filled with gratitude today, we lay before thee what is thine own. We dedicate ourselves and ask that our talents also be used in thy service, through Jesus Christ our Eternal Blessing. Amen.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
Offertory Solemn Melody

Davies

\* Congregational Response

\* Litany of Dedication for Thankoffering Gifts and Weekly Offerings

\*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE Toccata Per L'Elevazione Frescobaldi

\*Congregation Standing

<u>WELCOME</u> to each of you to our Service of Worship this morning. We especially greet the visitors for Parents' Weekend, hoping that you will want to return often.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Benton in memory of Mrs. Benton's father, Mr. Charles R. Fry.

<u>PLEDGES</u> toward the 1970 Proposed Budget are received today with our morning offering or may be returned next Sunday. If you prefer, men of the church will call in your home to receive your pledge nexr Sunday.

THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH will hold a hot dog supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price at 5:30 this evening. All 7th and 8th graders are invited. The Senior High Youth meet at 6:30 in the Parish House. They are making preparations for the Chancel Pantomime to be presented for our Thanksgiving Eve Service.

THE FIRST of a series of six Loint Meetings will be held Tuesday evening, 7-10, in the Parish House.
All teachers and persons interested in church school teaching are urged to attend.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. H. H. Cunningham and daughters upon the death of Dr. Cunningham on November 5.



#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 9, 1969

#### **Stewardship Sunday**

Revelation 11:16-19

As Christians we proclaim Christ not only as the Lord of the church but of the world. His cross belongs not only within the cathedral but outside it in the pressing crowds of the world's life. Our confession of his reign as we worship within the walls seeks to focus and nourish our faithful stewardship in embodying that reign beyond the walls. The words on the cover from the Revelation to John come from a time when Christians were persecuted by Rome. Yet in worship and in daily life they proclaimed Christ's reign, not Caesar's. Where do our lives reveal his reign today?

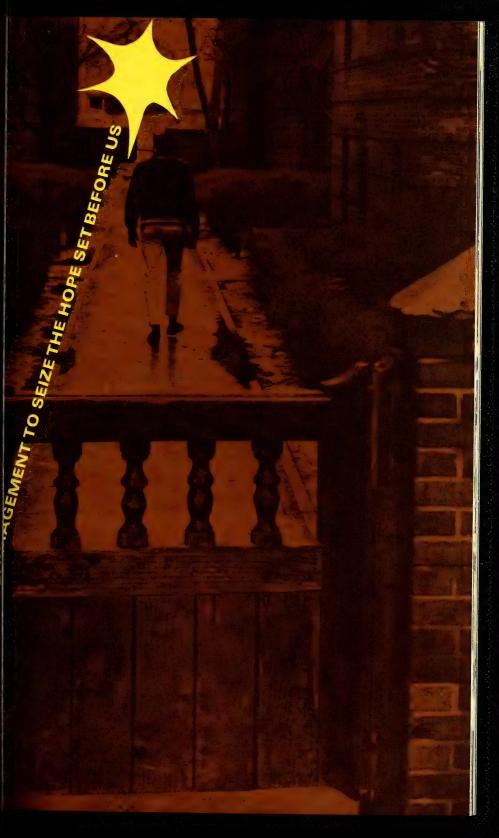
#### RECONCILIATION IS OUR BUSINESS

As visitors approach the Protestant monastic community in the tiny village of Taizé, in France, they cannot help seeing the basic message of the community emblazoned nearby: "Be reconciled—the father with his son, the husband with his wife, the believer with the unbeliever, the Christian with his separated brother."

As many congregations are discovering in this Christian Enlistment season, reconciliation—man with God, person with person, nation with nation—reconciliation in all our conflicts, is the business of the church.

Reconciliation in Christ puts a man in tune with God, makes him aware of where he came from, and points to where he is going. As individual Christians, we are all called upon to take the first steps to heal the hurts and restore the wholeness that separates parent and child, black and white, rich and poor, husband and wife, young and old, nation and nation, East and West. Our ministry is to work for the restored wholeness of nations, people, families, and churches in the midst of conflict.

Such reconciliation and restoration is never cheap. It costs both lives and money. But if, as the Christian Enlistment theme states, "Reconciliation is our business," then it is up to us to "back it!"



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November 16, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God S. Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lord \*HYMN OF PRAISE 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting) Our Father, we confess our familiarity with thoughts sinful, words unloving; acts unworthy, deeds unthinking; good that we have left undone.

Forgive us, we pray in Jesus' Name. \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

We are thankful, our Father, for divine assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are renewed persons. O Lord, open our lips that we may sing praises. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE ANTHEM Sound the Trumpet, Strike the Cymbal F. Schubert

THE COMMISSIONING OF CANVASSERS

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 31:19-24 John 15:1-17

THE SERMON "Pin-pointing the Mission"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response The Silent Prayers of the People The Pastor's Prayer for the People

RESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory Now Thank We All Our God M. Dupre

Congregational Response

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: Receive, O Lord, our pledges for the year to come, to the honor of our Savior.

People: Our gifts we offer in the faith that Thou wilt care for us and in the hope that others will know thy care over them.

Prayer of Dedication

MAN 411 "Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose"

ENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE
OSTLUDE Toccata (Dorien)

J. S. Bach

#### \*Congregation Standing

ELCOME to each of you to our Service of Worship this morning. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register or a Visitor's Card. Return often.

- E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt and in memory of Mrs. Schmidt's mother, Mrs. Alice Brehle.
- IE COMMISSIONING OF CANVASSERS takes place this morning. Those who prefer may submit their 1970 financial pledge before leaving today. Otherwise these men will be glad to call in your home between two and four o'clock this afternoon.
- E JUNIOR HI YOUTH meet at 5:00 this afternoon.

  Parents are asked to meet with Miss Riggan at four o'clock in the Hunter Room.
- HE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet at 6:30 in the Parish House.
- HE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be glad to receive your suggestions of candidates for officers, boards, and committees. Please contact Miss Caroline Powell.



#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 1969

**Hebrews 6:9-20** 

The word *hope* points toward the future. We hope for what is not yet ours. But the Christian hope involves both an "already" and a "not yet." Our hope is not some vague wish. It is the goal of walking on the path already set by Christ's faithful obedience. Following him we do not hope for something soon obsolete and empty. With the writer of Hebrews we move toward that "city" of lasting relationships with God and with one another which is opened to us by Christ. And we are encouraged not just to wait but to let that healing hope grasp and guide us in our living now.

#### LETTER FROM HYDERABAD

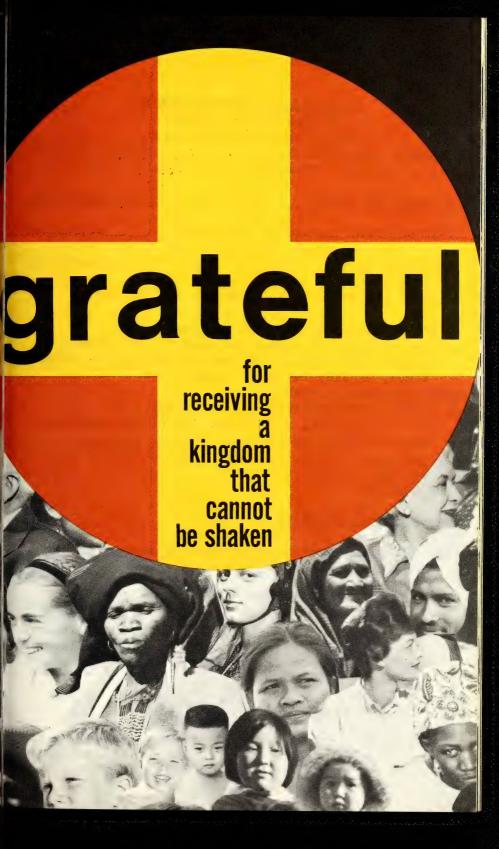
In a letter from Hyderabad, India, Peter Wood, who works with the Agriculture and Food Production Organization, reflected on the drought situation there. He wrote in part:

With regard to the drilling, this has met with tremendous success. Both government and private parties have followed us into the field. Nearly a dozen of our own trained men are now in charge of these units helping them get started. Seventy more units are on order for immediate delivery.

At the start we had to persuade people to take this work up, but now it has snowballed. Some District Collectors are ready to give a planned programme of between 150 and 500 wells per Taluk (district) to any district interested in talking up this work on a contract basis. One of the AFPRO Rigs at work in this area has just done a series of trial borings in Guntur District and 150 more have been requested for the worst hit areas I have seen. All the wells in one town of 35,000 families are dry. Water is coming in by fleets of lorries daily.

Every day, government officials either write or call with pleas from other areas. We are more than willing to help, but we do not have the machines to cope, nor can we encourage others, for no machines are available. For every well we drill, I am having to refuse at least a hundred others.

Your support for AFPRO is channeled through the United Church Board for World Ministries and Church World Service and is an important part of *Our Christian World Mission*.



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November 23, 1969

11:00 A. M.

PRELUDE Divertimento on 'Monkland'

H. Statham

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit

Psalm 100

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father, we confess our need to give thanks to thee at all times. Forgive our displays of ingratitude, we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

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THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response
The Silent Prayers of the People
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THE ANTHEM "O Worship the King" S. D. Wolff

Jon White, Trumpet

(When indicated by the choral director, the congregation will join in singing the words from Hymn

6, stanzas 2 and 4)

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 145 Psalm 150 RESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

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Prayer of Dedication

YMN 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

OSTLUDE I Thank Thee, Dear Lord S. Karg-Elert

\*Congregation Standing

ELCOME to each of you to our Service of Worship this morning. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register or a Visitor's Card. Return often.

HE JUNIOR HI YOUTH meet this afternoon at 5 and THE SENIOR HI YOUTH at 6:30 in the Parish House.

UB PACK 51 meets tomorrow evening at 7 in the Parish House.

HE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held here on Wednesday evening at 7:30. A combined choir will sing and our young people will present the meditation.

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| urrent         | \$24,410.00 | \$22,999.08     |
| enevolent      | 5,537.50    | 5,645.92        |
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#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 23, 1969

Bible Sunday Forefathers Sunday Hebrews 12:18-29

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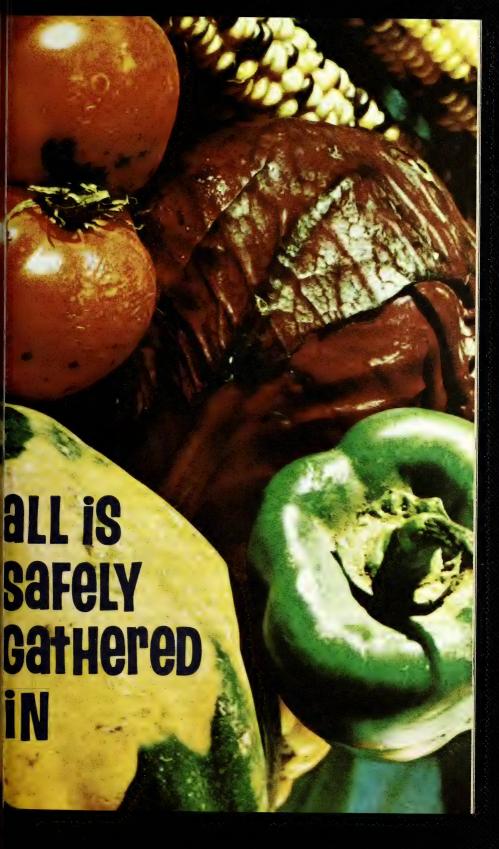
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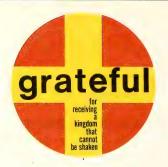
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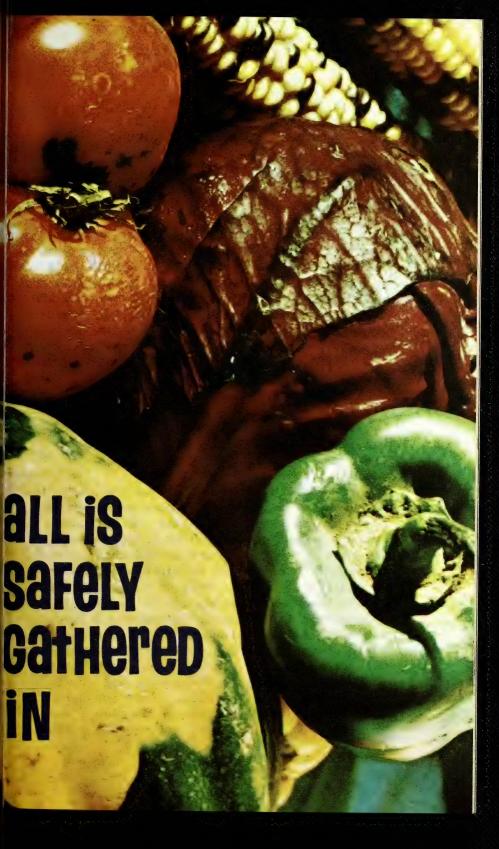
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#### COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH November 26, 1969 7:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude"Now Thank We All Our God" S. Karg-Elert
Mrs. A. S. Hassell
Call to Worship R. M. Petersen

Minister: Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with a song. Know ye that
the Lord He is God; It is He that hath made
us and not we ourselves; we are his people
and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his
gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise; be thankful unto him and bless
his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy
is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all
generations. (Psalm 100)
0 magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt
his name together. (Psalm 34:3)

\*The Doxology:

\*The Invocation: (unison)

O Lord, our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace; accept now, in thine endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us such of our desires as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and the day and heirs of thine everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers by land and sea, or wherever they may be in thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of thy grace and help. Pour out upon all thy people the riches of thy mercy; and we will ever praise thy glorious name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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lymn 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

cripture Lesson Psalm 147 Lawrence Leonard

athem To God on High be Thanks Children's Choir Mrs. Albert Gminder, Director

hanksgiving Prayer

W. T. Cockman

hanksgiving Offering

ffertory Sentences

W. W. Snyder

ffertory ffertory Dedication:

> We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

ffertory Prayer

W. W. Snyder

mn 460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

nancel Drama: Senior High of Elon College Community

Church

ymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

enediction

Thomas Hamilton

rgan Postlude Toccata (BWV 564) J. S. Bach

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ne churches participating in our Union Thanksgiving ervice are the churches of the Elon Community. If ou are a visitor from another church, we welcome you ost cordially.

ne offering will go to the Elon Home for Children aless otherwise designated. You may use the envelpe in the pews for your offering, if you desire.

## **all** is safely Gathered

#### A THANKSGIVING

Americans traditionally have celebrated the harvest as a time to express verbal gratitude for what they have. Yet in a world where there is so much hunger and deprivation for so many millions, would it not be more appropriate to express gratitude for what we do *not* have—that is, what we do not have because we have shared it. This is gratitude for what we have been able to give, not for what we retain. Would that not truly be a thanksgiving?

Our celebration can so easily degenerate into a kind of self-congratulation that "we have been so blessed," a kind of blessing that often focuses on our possession of material abundance. This is not to disdain material things. The fruit of the harvest and the whole created world are good. But we are intended to see them, not as a possession but as a trust, a trust to be administered in nourishing and maximizing the potential of every human being.

Gratitude would be for the gift of open hearts and open hands that really care for other human beings and desire to use their entrusted bounty to close the gap between affluence and poverty both at home and abroad. Would this not really give thanks to him, who "though he was rich vet for vour sake . . . became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich"?

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November 30, 1969

First Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto (Gothic Symphony)

C. Widor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*A PKAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Our Father, we confess our short-comings in preparation for the Prince of Peace. Let no obstacle bar his coming to us, we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (all uniting)

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THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE ANTHEM "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"C. Muller

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 8

Hebrews 2:5-18

THE SERMON "The God Who Became a Man" Mr. Hutcheson Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING Offertory

Congregation Response

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: What shall we render to the Lord for

all his benefits toward us?

People: Our gifts we offer in the faith that God will care for us and in the hope that others will know his care for

them.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 152

"We Would See Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

Dialogue

F. Couperin

\*Congregation Standing

WE WELCOME to our pulpit today Charles Hutcheson, a graduate of Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and presently the Director of Public Relations of Elon College. Following the Benediction, Mr. Hutcheson will remain at the front of the nave to greet members and visitors. Today is a vacation Sunday for our Pastor, though he will be back to the parsonage this evening.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Reverend and Mrs. J. E. McCauley by the Larry McCauley Family.

THE JUNIOR HI YOUTH meet at 5 for a program to be led by Dr. Philip Mann. THE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet at 6:30. The Confirmation Class will not meet today.

| PLEDGING TOTALS | Goal                    | Pledged to Date |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Current         | $$24,\overline{410.00}$ | \$23,790.68     |
| Benevolent      | 5,537.50                | 5,749.82        |
| Building        | 10,000.00               | 5,258.20        |
| Total           | \$39,947.50             | \$34,486.80     |

## to give life to the dead

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 1969

Advent means coming. It is a time when Christians remember the coming of Christ and look forward to his coming again. In the words of an old hymn, "Advent tells us Christ is near." So the Advent season is preparation for Christmas and for the coming again of Jesus in the Christmas event and its celebration. As we look to the festive days, Jesus beckons. He comes to give life, a way of life more abundant.

Advent is also a time yardstick. Like an hourglass, it reminds us that time is running out and that whatever we are to accomplish must be done quickly. We can't dally in the luxury of manana—the end, our end, may come before tomorrow. As Christians we belong to the company of the breathless ones. The shepherds stood breathless and in awe on the Bethlehem hills; Peter and John ran breathless to the tomb; and those who went about turning the world upside down did it as breathless men with so much to accomplish in so little time. Let us look about us. The time, our time, is short. It is time, as Paul said to the Romans, "to wake from sleep" and "to put on the armor."

Advent bids us celebrate the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea, and to make ready for his final triumph over sin and death for "he shall come to judge the living and the dead."

-Scott Francis Brenner

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to anoint the eyes

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December 7, 1969 Second Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul S. Karg-Elert Be Thou In Ernest, O Children of Men

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
Our Father, we confess that our pre-Christmas
preparations often neglect Him whose tirthday
we celebrate. May our worship re-direct us to
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-5 Luke 4:14-24

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
CHILDREN'S STORY

\* Hymn 116 "Angels We Have Heard On High"
ANTHEM "Gesu Bambino" Children's Choir

THE SERMON "He Comes - To Free"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
Offertory Anthem "Swell the Full Chorus"

G. F. Handel

Congregation Response Litany of Dedication

Pastor: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits toward us?

People: Our gifts we offer in the faith that God will care for us and in the hope that others will know his care for them.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 103 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Tune 101:In Babilone)

BENEDICTION and Choral Response

POSTLUDE Savior of the Heathen, Come J. S. Bach

Congregation Standing

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock by Misses Edith and Madge Brannock.

ODAY 4:00 Confirmation Class will attend Handel's Messiah in Whitley Auditorium.

6:30 Senior Hi. Youth

7:00 LOINT Session on "Tasks of the Teacher"

7:30 Board of Deacons

EXT A Congregational meeting for elections will UNDAY follow the Morning Service of Worship. A Family Night "Hanging the Greens" will be held from 6 to 3 P. M. in the Parish House

| LEDGING TOTALS | 1970 Goal   | Pledged to Date   |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| enevolent      | \$ 5,537.50 | \$ 5,787.42       |
| urrent         | 24,410.00   | <b>24,</b> 784.68 |
| uilding        | 10,000.00   | 5,320.70          |
|                | \$39,947.50 | \$35,892.80       |

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 1969

#### Health and Welfare Sunday

Revelation 3:14-22

Doors can either open to let in or shut to keep out. Opening them means letting in a view of the world outside and permitting what we see to "anoint" our eyes with new perspectives. Often we do not know how blind and insensitive we are until we let in the spirit of Christ, "the anointed one," and begin to see the world's beauty and ugliness, joy and pain, with the eyes of his compassion. "Opening blind eyes" is a major biblical emphasis. Why? Because we all need new vision—a vision that can move us from lukewarm to hot and faithful action nourished by him.

#### THE PERSONAL POINT OF MISSION

Never in history has the church thrown itself so fully and so dramatically into meeting the health and welfare needs of man as it has today. Locally, as well as through conference and national efforts, we have helped establish clinics, low-cost housing, and job-retraining programs and an endless series of other ventures designed to help people.

But alongside these massive programs designed to fill the gaping holes in our societal fabric, the church continues to take the time to listen and minister to individuals and their particular needs: the delinquents, the retarded, the elderly, the sick of body and mind. People like fourteen-year-old John who was battered by a punitive father, never had a friend, passed through a nightmare of homosexuality, was apprehended on two occasions digging up old graves prior to his ultimate referral to the Fort Wayne Children's Home for treatment. Or like the six little retarded children who've learned to smile because a UCC church in rural Iowa created a day-care center for them.

Health and Welfare Sunday is not just another day in the life of the church. It's a dramatic refocusing on the endless variety of ministries, large and small, which together create one of our proudest and most vivid shapes of mission. The Division of Health and Welfare of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries coordinates the work of more than 75 agencies and institutions across the country which together form the Council for Health and Welfare Services. Wherever people are in need, through these agencies you are there.

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disclose the purposes of the heart

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December 14, 1969 Third Su

Third Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on 'Stuttgart' F. Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 117 "Angels, From the Realms..."

\*A PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
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Isaiah 9:1-7 Luke 1:68-79

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER and Choral Response
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
CHILDREN'S STORY

\* Hymn 488 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
ANTHEM Children's Choir

THE SERMON "He Comes - Our Hope"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
Offertory Anthem "Carol Medley"

Congregational Response Litany of Dedication

Pastor: What shall we render to the Lord for

all his benefits toward us?

People: Our gifts we offer in the faith that God will care for us and in the hope

that others will know his care for

them.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE All Praise to Thee, Eternal God

J. Pachelbel

\*Congregation Standing

ELCOME to each of you this morning. Especially we greet the members of the Key Club and the Keyettes of Walter Williams High School.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of their daughter, Mrs. Janet Loy Faulkner, by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy and Family.

ODAY 4:00 Confirmation Class

5:00 Junior Hi Youth

6-8 Family Night "Hanging of the Greens" in the Parish House

HE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is for the purpose of electing our church officials for 1970. The meeting will be very brief and we invite the congregation to remain.

HE FRIENDLY SERVICE COMMITTEE of the Women's Fellowship invites the members to bring clothing, food or money for ditribution to needy families. Clothing and staple goods may be deposited in the Parish House; or contact Mrs. Atkinson or Mrs. K. K. Hughes.

# to disclose the purposes of the heart

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 1969

I Corinthians 4:1-5

Keep out! Often we do not want to disclose the deeper parts of our lives to others, or even to ourselves. We lock up our hearts to keep them from any painful exposure. But there is one "from whom no secrets are hid." He views not simply the "front" with which we can fool others or even ourselves. He penetrates beyond all locked doors. Yet he comes to us as a judge, not to condemn but to commend. He comes to release us from all distorted disclosures and to establish in us a liberating purpose that can lead to commendation as his servants.

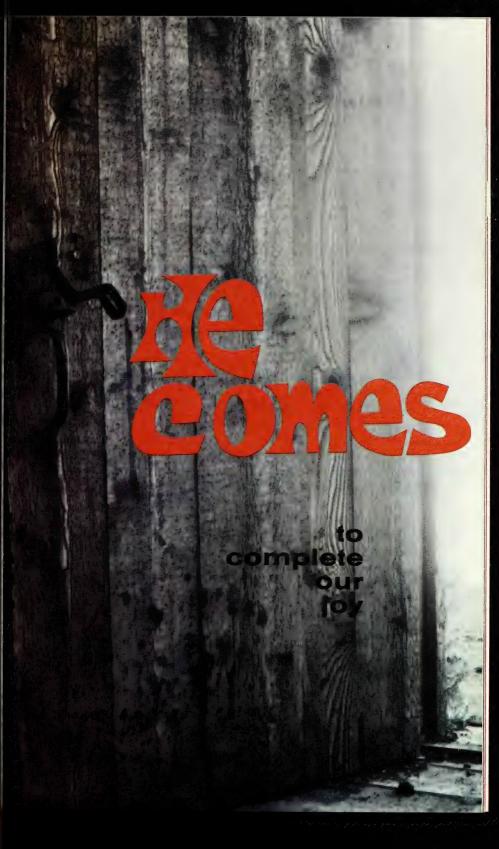
#### HAPPINESS IS THE CHRISTMAS FUND AT WORK

The command "Do not be afraid!" falls on unhearing ears when fear and pain and loneliness combine to isolate a person or a family. In the Christmas scripture it was an angelic admonition to the shepherds. We say it often today to those in stress.

But fear is not dispelled by words, only by deeds of love and mercy. The fearful today are many. Among them are the aging servants of the church—the Veterans of the Cross. Some of these who retired on low annuities based on low salaries, or are hard hit by illness or accident, feel the fears of isolation as well as physical pain.

An annual Christmas gift to those in need is made possible by the Christmas Fund. In the name of the whole fellowship of the United Church of Christ it brings practical help. It also lends the supportive spirit so essential to recovery and security.

Active ministers, too, and their families, sometimes face emergencies beyond all their resources. An emergency fund created by your gifts to the Christmas Fund, helps to meet hospital and medical costs not covered by insurance or by conferences.



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December 21, 1959 Sunday Before Christmas

PRELUDE Swiss Noel, with Variations L. Daquin Lighting the Candles PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship and Choral Introit

Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" \*

Prayer of Invocation

THE LIVING WORD

Unison Reading New Testament

No. 117, page 542 Luke 2:1-20

The Gloria Patri

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mr. Graves Mr. Hamilton

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

The Service of Reception

The Congregation's Response THE WORD OF PRAYER

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The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem For You Shall Go Out In Joy K. Newbury Children's Story

Hymn 137 "Away in a Manger" Sermon He Comes - Our Joy

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING Offertory

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts GOING OUT TO SERVE

"Joy to the World" vic . Hymn 130

Benediction \*

\* Choral Response

Extinguishing the Candles

\* Postlude Magnificat VI, Gloria M. Dupre

- THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is God's gift to Susan
  Marshall Grimley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene
  B. Grimley, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.
  Mark McAdams. Received today as new members of
  our church are Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Stone and
  Mr. and Mrs. George Troxler.
- ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Willard White family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield and S/Sgt. J. C. Toney, parents and brother of Mrs. White.
- BOTH YOUTH GROUPS are meeting at their regular times to go caroling this evening. The Senior Highs will visit the parsonage afterwards.
- THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of carols and candles begins at eight o'clock. Worship with family and friends this Holy Night.
- HOSPITALIZED: Dr. Fred Emerson at County
  James MacDonald at Duke
- THE CHRISTMAS CHEER items will be distributed by our Women's Friendly Service Committee. Please have articles in the Parish House by this afternoon.
- COLLEGE STUDENTS home for the holidays are invited to the Parsonage next Sunday evening at eight o'clock.
- DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January February are available on the table in the Narthex.
- THANKS to the Reverend Mr. John Graves and Mr. John White for their assistance in leading our Service of Worship this morning.
- THOSE WHO WISH to place poinsettias in the church for Christmas Eve are asked to have them there by Wednesday morning.

### to complete our joy

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 1969

I John 1:1-4

To anticipate Christmas is to open the door and make room in the "inn" of our lives and homes and neighborhoods. How can we do otherwise for him who is God's "good news of great joy"? This is no proclamation of the coming of an abstract idea but of a throbbing human life that truly embodied God's open love for men and man's open love for his brother. He overcomes the rebellious distortion of our closed lives and closed communities and brings the gift and task of open housing and open people. To lift the latch to new friendships is to make joy complete.

#### **CHRISTMAS AT JUNK BAY**

In spite of all that has been done, there is still Junk Bay. Far down the bay on the mainland side across from Victoria, Hong Kong, endless crowds of humanity live in shacks that climb the steep cliffs and in sampans on the water. There are still no new apartments for them. There are too many people and not enough apartments.

All along the narrow alleyways one can see scores of people cooking, eating and living in open shacks. The sewage goes down the open drain

and into the bay where people bathe and wash their clothes.

One bright spot just next to Junk Bay is Rennie's Mill Church Clinic. This year some 17,000 persons will pass through its doors, fewer than a year ago for health is improving. People with sore throats, people with skin disorders, people with stomach-aches and fevers, some with more serious illnesses. And these are treated here or sent on to other hospitals for difficult surgery.

Close by is Sunnyside Preventorium for children—for children who might easily catch tuberculosis. Some are children of T. B. patients at our sanatorium or in government hospitals; some are themselves arrested cases now gathering strength; others need nourishment to build up resistance because of the disease-prone conditions in which their families live. Close to Sunnyside is the Haven of Hope Sanatorium with beds for 310 patients.

Despite the fact that most of the patients are not Christians, Christmas will mean something to them this year. It will not be the carols from the chapel on the hill which alone tell of Christian love and concern. It will be memories of the many deeds which Christians have done through the years—come to focus at this time, in this place—Junk Bay.



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHÜRCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 1969 - 8:00 P.M.

PRELUDE OF CAROLS

Arr. H. Gehrke

The First Nowell
What Child is This
Angels We Have Heard on High

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming \*CAROL PROCESSIONAL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\* Pastor: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

\* People: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-3; Micah 5:2-4

ANTHEM Dance of the Shepherd Zoltan Kodaly
Long I slumbered, by sound sleep o'er taken
Strange dreams, Comrade, bade me now awaken.
Hear you not the wondrous tidings
told by angels holy,

How that Jesus now is born and laid in manger lowly.

I'll delay not, there's no time for wasting
Onward now, to Baby Jesus hasting.
Brother, be thou my companion on the way we're
going,

While you shepherd lovely music on his pipe is blowing.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

\*CAROL 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response Be Near Me Children's Choir CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Anthem Rejoice, Ye Hearts, Be Glad and Sing CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Mr. Hamilton

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

(Candles and drip-protectors for each pew are in boxes near the center aisle. Please take one of each and pass the box toward the other end of your pew. The candles will be lighted by the ushers as the organist plays the following carol. They may be extinguished following the Unison Prayer.)

'CAROL 133 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (in unison)

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, may the Star of Christmas shine more radiantly now than ever before with the Light of Peace on Earth. Amen.

Solo Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht Dr. Gminder BENEDICTION

Choral Response "What can I Give Him?"
POSTLUDE

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The highest is ever in the lowest found: For kings are clad in common clothes, And love is a stable bound, And Christ upon a cross--Is crowened!

Donald J. Cunningham



#### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

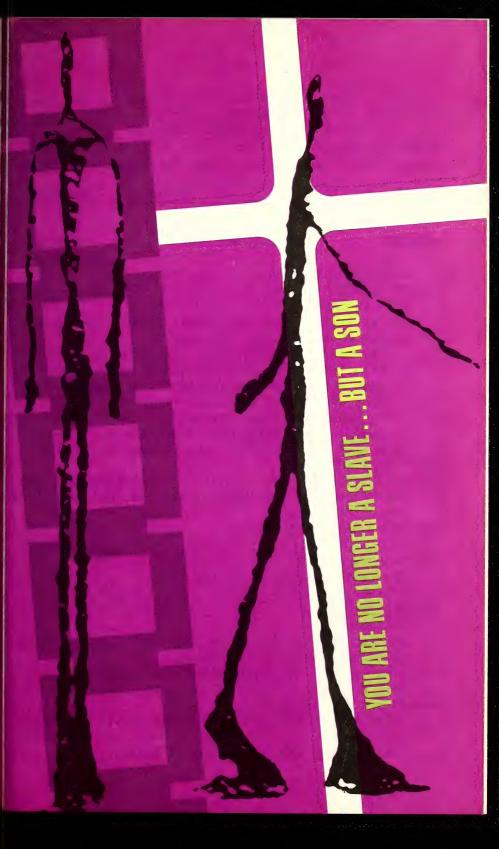
Is there a Christmas spirit? Luke suggests we look to the shepherds to find it. These men, whose life was miserable, were filled with excitement when they heard the news that Christ was born. They left their posts and went quickly to the stable in Bethlehem.

Luke, who knows the whole life of Christ, is using this first visit with the baby, to reflect what will happen in each future meeting with Jesus. To find Jesus in any age is to be exposed to the love and justice of God. This is why the sheep herders were glad to go and tell what had happened in Bethlehem. And this is why they understood the birth was good news for them.

So the real spirit of Christmas is the love and justice of God. It can surprise us and may appear in unique ways, as it did on the first night. As we celebrate the birth, we shall also celebrate the life, for in it we find the full realization of God with us today.

-Ronald W. Johnson

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December 28, 1969 Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE The Morning Star

G. Miles S. Karg-Elert

Lighting the Candles

PRAISE TO GOD

Call to Worship

Choral Introit "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Lord God, who formed the earth for our habitation, make your Word so evident in our midst, that all false gods shall be left behind, and that every knee shall bow to you and every tongue declare the triumph of your strength and glory; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

THE LIVING WORD

Unison Reading No. 129, page 546 New Testament Matthew 2:1-12; Philippians 2:1-11

The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Response

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

"O Be Joyful in the Lord" D. Roach Anthem Children's Story

Hymn 143 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" ale Sermon A New Route

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" P. Kickstat

\* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

### GCING OUT TO SERVE

- \* Hymn 127 "Christians, Awake, Salute..."
- \* Benediction
- \* Choral Response
- \* Extinguishing the Candles
- \* Postlude "Arise and Shine in Splendor" Brahms

# \*Congregation standing

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Brafford by the Family.
- THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for recently elected officers, committee personnel, and Trustees is held this morning. Deacons recently elected will be ordained and installed to office next Sunday.
- THE YOUTH GROUPS and Confirmation Class are not scheduled to meet this evening.
- OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS will be meeting this evening at eight o'clock at the parsonage. Bring a guest if you would like.
- THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.
- DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January February are available in the Narthex.
- ALL COMMITTEES of the church will be meeting Jan. 11 at 6:30 for the purpose of electing chairmen and setting goals for year. Present committees are to have their annual reports written and given to the office secretary by next Sunday.



## SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 1969

Galatians 4:1-7

Chain or cross? Static stick or mobile man? Slave or son? Christmas celebrates the climactic, liberating deed of God that rends the chains of all human bondage. The Son—the one who expresses the true purpose of the Father—comes to crack all enslaving powers and to deliver us from self-justifying frenzy. From the crib to the cross, Jesus enacted a love that seeks to free us to be who we really are and to walk together as the liberated and liberating sons of God.

### RAISING THE AMISTAD

Back in 1839, a group of African slaves mutinied, slew the captain of their ship "The Amistad" and ordered the crew to sail them to Africa. The crew sailed east by day but turned the vessel north at night and the ship eventually was captured off Long Island by an American ship. After prolonged litigation, the slaves were freed and returned to Africa by the Committee of Friends of the Amistad Africans, a group which was the direct forbear of the American Missionary Association.

The AMA, as it came to be called, dedicated itself during and after the Civil War to assist and educate the newly-freed slaves. Now the name Amistad is being raised again, this time as the name of a new archive and library-research center on the campus of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. The center will be unique in providing original source material on the American Negro for use by scholars from around the world.

It is expected that the results of this project will promote and substantiate an increased awareness and understanding of Black History in both black and white Americans, fostering pride and dignity among black people, appreciation and decency toward blacks among white people.

It is the hope of the AMA, now affiliated with the Division of Higher Education of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, that the Amistad Center research facility will eventuate in new factual knowledge for schools, government and voluntary organizations which are concerned for overcoming increasingly-serious division of Americans along the lines of race.

